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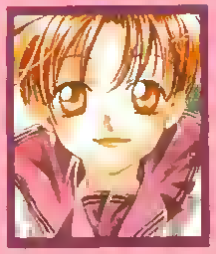

Tetsuta's mather has passed away, and his father is rarely hame because af wark. Ta make up far his awn neglect, Tetsuta's father asked his high schaal classmate Aki-chan ta take care af Tetsuta and Aya (Tetsuta's yaunger sister). Aki-chan's careful protectian saan earns Tetsuta's lave, and he hapes that Aki-chan will became a substitute mather, sa that the faur af them can live tagether happily, but ... !?
A manga full af sweetness and jay, it's a heartwarming debut!!

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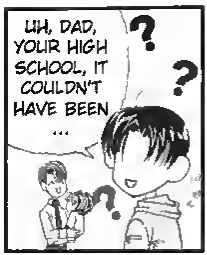
TETSUTA.
THERE WILL BE A BABY SITTER COMING TODAY,
...WHY? I'M ALREADY IN THE THIRD GRADE!
DAD MADE THE FATEFUL ANOUNCEMENT.
DA BA DA BA!
I CAN TAKE CARE OF AYA-CHAN, AND I COOK TOO!
I CAN MAKE POACHED EGGS, FRIED RICE IN EGGS, BUTTERED EGGS...
TETSUTA.
It seems that the laundry store is closed on Sunday.

I'M VERY BUSY.
YOU'RE STILL GROWING, YOU CAN'T JUST EAT EGGS.
YOU HAVE TO EAT HEALTHY THINGS.
THEN YOU CAN COOK!
AFTER MOM DIED, DAD IS RARELY HOME.
hmph!
BUT IF WE GET A BABYSITTER, THE TIMES WE SEE DAD WILL JUST GET SHORTER!
IF YOU WANT TO BE STUBBORN, FINE.
IT'S DIFFICULT TO SEE EACH OTHER EVEN ONCE
RESPONSIBLE, PATIENT, HAVE A GENTLE TEMPERAMENT,
SHE'LL HAVE TO BE A GOOD COOK,
AND HAVE A PRETTY FACE!
OTHERWISE
I WON'T ACCEPT HER!
yah.. pretty face!

*TRANSLATORS NOTE: THOUGH I USE HE/HIM, THE ORIGINAL CHARACTER HAD NO SPECIFIC GENDER CONNOTATION

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: POLITE PHRASE USED WHEN INTRODUCED TO SOMEONE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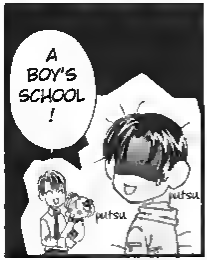
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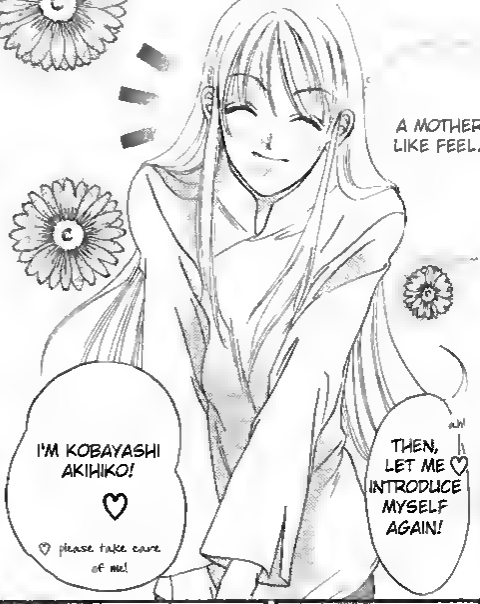
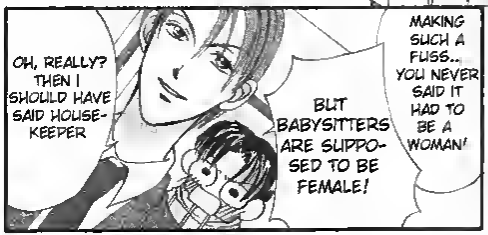
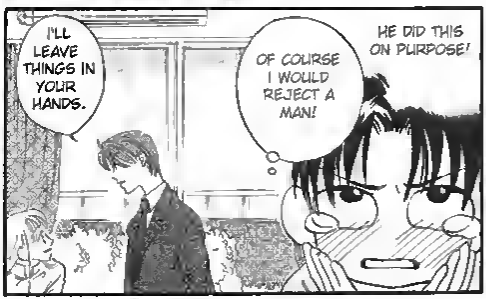

A MOTHER-LIKE FEEL...
THEN, LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF AGAIN!
I'M KOBAYASHI AKIHIKO!
♡
♡ please take care of me!


OH, REALLY? THEN I SHOULD HAVE SAID HOUSE-KEEPER
BUT BABYSITTERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FEMALE!
MAKING SUCH A FUSS.. YOU NEVER SAID IT HAD TO BE A WOMAN!

I'VE BEEN TRICKED!


I'LL LEAVE THINGS IN YOUR HANDS.
OF COURSE I WOULD REJECT A MAN!
HE DID THIS ON PURPOSE!

HUH? YOU'RE GOING TO WORK ON A SUNDAY?
YES, I'VE BEEN VERY BUSY RECENTLY,
AND I WON'T FINISH EVERYTHING UNLESS I WORK OVERTIME.
OKAY
BE CAREFUL ON THE ROAD!
"KARE-FUL"!
CHIRA
I'M LEAVING.
TETSUTA?
BROTHER NEVER SAYS "BE KAREFUL"!
I'LL BE HOME LATE THIS EVENING, SO DON'T WAIT TO EAT DINNER...
.....

ta da!
TONIGHT'S DINNER WILL BE HANDMADE BY TETSUTA!
IT WILL BE A YUMMY EGG WRAPPED AROUND FRIED RICE!
♡
WILL ONLY BE DISCO-VERED BY THE ONE WHO EATS IT.
IT TASTES BEST WHEN IT'S WARM, SO IF
YOU DON'T GET HOME EARLY, WE'LL EAT IT ALL AND LEAVE NOTHING FOR YOU!
UH... YOU.. ME.. don't make things up!
YOU ...
HOW GOOD IT TASTES

I'M TEACHING YOU THE MAGIC OF GETTING YOUR FATHER TO COME HOME EARLY!
Krsh...!
Krsh...!
HUH?!
YOU CAN'T JUST THINK OF THIS SPELL, YOU HAVE TO SAY IT TOO.
I PROMISE IT'LL WORK!
JUST AS LONG AS YOU SPEAK FROM THE HEART! ♡
DAD'S PROBABLY GOING TO COME HOME LATE...
BUT ...
BUT ...
BE CAREFUL ON THE ROAD, DAD.
COME BACK SOON!
I WANT TO BE WITH DAD!

HE HASN'T COME HOME EARLY SINCE BEFORE MOM DIED!
HE SAID HE'D COME HOME EARLY!
I'm leaving!
GYU!
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME...
GRAB!!
...IT WORKED.
NOT AT ALL! YOU SHOULD THANK YOUR OWN COURAGE!
I SAW THAT SIDE OF DAD! ♡
He's mine!
DAD, UH...
WELL IF THE HOUSE KEEPING ~~LADY~~ STAYS, FATHER WILL COME HOME EARLY EVERY NIGHT!
.....
let's go grocery shopping
THIS IS ALL THANKS TO AKI-CHAN'S MAGIC.

I'M FINE!
DO YOU NEED TO SEE THE NURSE?!
Oh no! I can't stop smiling!
BECAUSE, DAD REALLY CAME HOME EARLY LAST NIGHT!!
THEN OUR FAMILY WOULD BE PERFECT!
...TA!
TETSUTA!
AND, THE MOMENT HE RETURNED
KYA!
WHERE'S MY FRIED RICE WITH EGGS?!
UH...
guchya
UM, I MADE THIS. UM IT'S NOT THAT GREAT. UM, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO EAT IT...
I... I CAN EAT IT ALL?
HUH?
jiin
Dad...

I'M SO HAPPY... MUSHROOMS FOR LUNCH!
HE SAID HE'D COME HOME EARLY TODAY TOO!
MUSH... ROOMS...!
YEP! DELICIOUS!
OKAY, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SEATS!
ga ra!
THERE WILL BE A MOTHER-CHILD ACTIVITY THIS SUNDAY.
AAH!
IT'LL BE A TIME FOR YOU TO HAVE FUN WITH YOUR MOTHER, PLAY GAMES, AND ENJOY A BARBEQUE!
your mother is so pretty!
my mom won't be happy unless I get comics!
MOTHER-CHILD EVENT FORM
WILL PARTICIPATE
PLEASE GO HOME AND ASK YOUR MOTHER IF SHE WISHES TO PARTICIPATE.
MOTHER-CHILD ACTIVITY...

MOM PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS FIVE.
MY MOM CAN'T COME ...
KIYU
.....
HEY, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO FILL IT OUT YOURSELF!
BUT ...
WILL NOT PARTICIPATE
IN MY MEMORIES, THERE'S ONLY A DIM IMAGE OF HER WHITE HAND.
TETSUTA.
MOM WENT TO HEAVEN.
SO, WE HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE.
AND TELL HER TO BE CAREFUL ON HER WAY THERE.
MOM
MOM

I STOPPED TELLING DAD TO BE CAREFUL ON THE ROAD.
I WAS AFRAID HE WOULD LEAVE ME...
AKI-CHAN! AYA-CHAN!
I'LL GO FIND HIM!
HUH?
BUT, I CAN SAY IT NOW!
OH YEAH, I HAVEN'T THANKED AKI-CHAN YET!
TETSUTA, DON'T WORRY.
AYA-CHAN? WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU HURT?
BA BA N!
AYA-CHAN ?!
HUH? TETSUTA.. WHY ARE YOU HERE?

AYA-CHAN! LOOK AT ME!
AYA-CHAN ...
ONE HERE, SO THAT'S WHY SHE STARTED CRYING.
AFTER HER NAP, SHE DISCOVERED SHE WAS THE ONLY
MAMA!
MAMA!
MAMA!
bleeeeeeeh!
びえーん
えーん
あーん
えーん
TET-SUITA ...
OI! DON'T CRY!
AYA-CHAN, SMILE ...
AAN!
AA!
AH!
C'MON ...
~SFX:~BIEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!

MAYBE ...
THE ONE SHE NEEDS IS MOM ...
I CAME HERE TO THANK YOU, SO...
TETS-
NO!!
I... I DIDN'T COME HERE TO SAY THAT!
AKI-CHAN...
WHAT HAPP-ENED?

OKAY! I'LL GO!
IT'S OKAY FOR AYA-CHAN. I'M ALREADY IN THE THIRD GRADE, BUT I STILL WISH FOR MY MOTHER. I PROBABLY SEEM VERY CHILDISH
SANKA
SANKA
SANKA
MOTHER-CHILD ACTIVITY?
WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY IT FOR ONCE!
AH! ♡
Flushed!
THEN, I'LL GO WITH YOUR FATHER!
No problem!
OH! RIGHT! ONLY FAMILY CAN GO ...
YOU'LL GO?! BUT IT'S FOR ...

ALL THE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES THAT MY SCHOOL'S HAD, DAD NEVER WENT TO ANY OF THEM!
DAD?!
DAD WON'T COME.
WHY?
DA...
HE WON'T COME ...
DID YOU TALK TO HIM?
WHA-
DID YOU ASK HIM TO COME?
EVEN IF I DID,
HE WOULD PUT HIS WORK FIRST ...
HE WOULD GO.

*SENPAI: UPPERCLASSMAN

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FOR YOU,

HE'D DEFINITELY GO.

ONCE IN HIGH SCHOOL, I FOOLISHLY PROMISED MY FRIEND I WOULD HELP HIM WITH HIS HOMEWORK.

I HAVE TO FINISH THIS BY TOMORROW, A DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE CHARACTERS IN THE TALE OF GENJI.

Dad: Year 3 Mother: Year 1

HEY! YOU'RE STILL NOT DONE?

AH, SENPAI*.

YOU'RE DOING RESEARCH?

*A VERY FAMOUS JAPANESE NOVEL WRITTEN IN THE HEIAN PERIOD BY L. BY MEIR. S. KI-SHIKIBU

"YOU IDIOT! DON'T MAKE A PROMISE THAT YOU CAN'T KEEP!"
Aaya!
HE SCOLDED ME SO MUCH I THOUGHT MY HEAD WOULD BURST.
YOU WERE SCOLDED BY DAD?!
YEP, LATER.
HE'S THE KIND OF PERSON
YOU NEED TO EXPLAIN THINGS CLEARLY TO.
AFTER HE HAD STOPPED YELLING AT ME
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! NOW I'M HELPING!
BELLFLOWER, SUNFLOWER, AND WHATEVER ELSE, JUST WRITE DOWN A BUNCH OF FLOWER NAMES!"
School ended a [illegible] time ago!
Hm
DOES YOUR FATHER COME HOME LATE OFTEN?
YES ...
BUT, ALSO, HE COMES HOME AND
FINISHES LEFTOVER WORK LATE INTO THE NIGHT.
HUH?
HE'S ABOUT TO GET PROMOTED,
BUT HE STILL COMES HOME.

*THE TITLE CHARACTER IN THE TALE OF GENJI HAS MANY LOVERS AND A LOT OF THEM ARE NAMED AFTER FLOWERS. CHANCES ARE IF YOU NAME A FLOWER GENJI HAD AN AFFAIR WITH A WOMAN OF THAT NAME.

YES, AKI-CHAN.
YOUR FATHER LOVES YOU BOTH,
AND YOU HAVE MY LOVE,
SO YOU HAVE THE LOVE OF THREE PEOPLE!
AND HE HAS YOUR MOTHER'S LOVE FOR YOU TWO.
GOOD LUCK!
Eye Pop
YOU'RE RIGHT.
Pufu
THAT'S HIS OLD NICKNAME!
But he's really quite cruel
Demon?
DON'T WORRY, DEMON "AKECHI" WILL BECOME REGULAR OLD DAD IN FRONT OF YOU.
DEMON?
THAT WAS THE ENCOUR-AGEMENT SPELL.
THE IMAGE OF A BEAUTY
Well, are you feeling encouraged?

=>SFX<= DOKI DOKI DOKI!

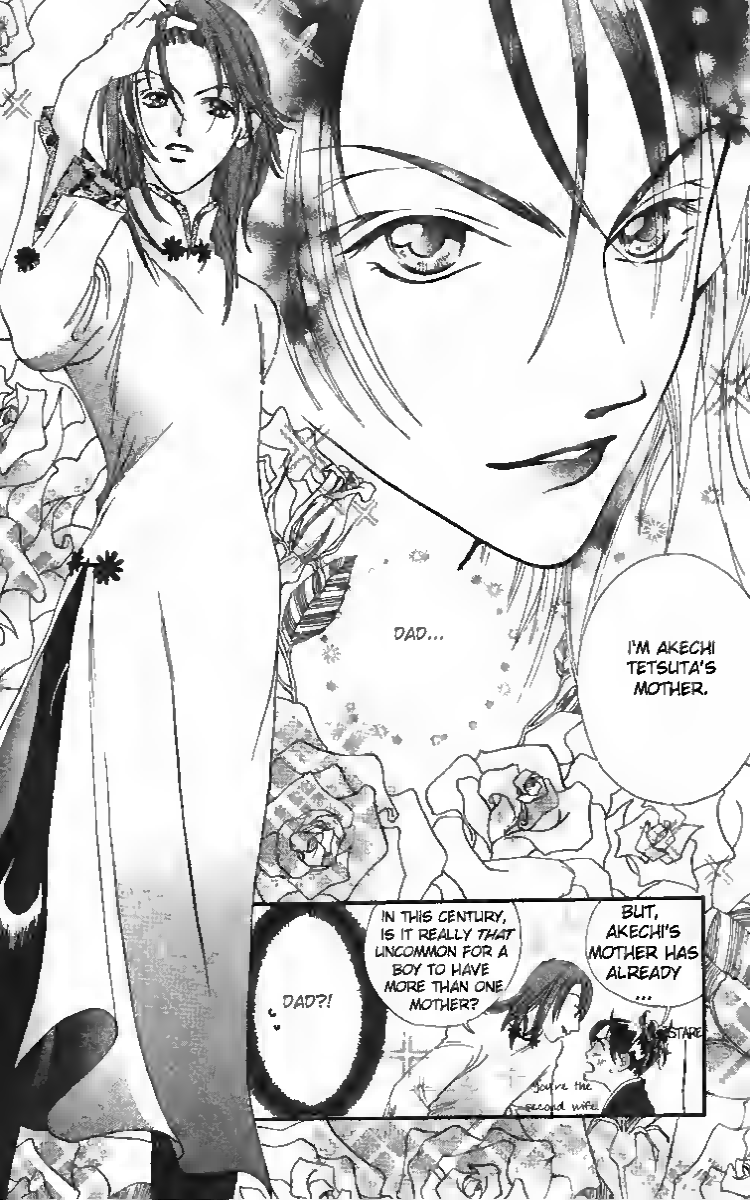
IT'S LIKE THIS. THIS SUNDAY, THERE'LL BE A MOTHER-CHILD ACTIVITY AT MY SCHOOL, AND AKI-CHAN SAID HE'LL GO, BUT...IF...
That is...
WHAT?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
DE-DEMON
...
THIS IS TOO MUCH! WHY ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE GOING?
You're taking everything away from me!
WHY DON'T YOU FINISH LISTENING TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY?
Don't cry!
.....
I WANT TO GO! OF COURSE I'LL GO! HOW COULD I NOT?!
WHAT TIME? SUNDAY? SUNDAY IT IS!
SUNDAY
...

DAD, YOU DON'T HAVE TO,
IT'S ONLY A SCHOOL ACTIVITY, AFTER-ALL. YOU SHOULDN'T CLEAR YOUR SUNDAY WHERE THERE'S WORK YOU NEED TO FINISH.
Chuh!
YOU HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH.
NO WAY! ABSOLUTELY NOT!
GRAB
YOUR FATHER'S BODY IS MADE OF STEEL!
I KNOW; YOU'RE THE "DE-MON"!
DE-MON?!
Uh Oh!
Demon!
DAD ...?
OKAY ... SUNDAY ...
I'LL DEFINITELY GO!
EVEN IF THERE'S A MEETING,
OR THE WORK IS PILED AS HIGH AS A MOUNTAIN,
OR THE BOSS FORBIDS ME, I'D STILL GO!

WOAH!
TO ME, YOU'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING!
AKI-CHAN IS REALLY LIKE A FAIRY-GODMOTHER
I'M A LITTLE ALOOF AND THEY ALL DECIDE I'M A DEMON!
I HAVE THE FEELING I JUST HEARD SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL!
WOW ...
HE'S PRACTICALLY A MAGICIAN!
OH YEAH,
SUNDAY
TWO GROWN MEN IN A MOTHER-CHILD ACTIVITY, DO YOU THINK THEY'D LET US?
...!
HADN'T THOUGHT OF IT
HAD THOUGHT OF IT
LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

IT WON'T WORK...
BUT I'M ALSO A PARENT!
THERE'S AN EVENT FOR FATHERS NEXT SEMESTER.
BIG SMILE!
P T A
THIS DAY IS FOR MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN, SO...
HUH?
REALLY THIS WAS ALL ON PURPOSE!
NOW, PLEASE LEAVE! THIS EVEN IS FOR MOTHERS ONLY!
PUSH PUSH!
UM ...
WELL ...
My wife...
HEY!
HE CAN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE SOMEONE'S GENDER!
RIDICULOUS, ISN'T SHE YOUR WIFE?
HEY, WAIT! THAT'S A GUY RIGHT THERE!
GR!
PUSH PUSH PUSH
Akie Must Say Something

I'M FINE ...
I CAN'T JUST GIVE UP, BESIDES, THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT TIME.
DAD CAME TO SCHOOL, AND THAT'S ENOUGH.
IT'S OFFICIAL ...
TETSUTA, DON'T BE SO DISCOURAGED.
GLOOM
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE TODAY IS AN EVENT FOR MOTHERS, SO THERE'S NOTHING TO DO.
I THINK DAD WILL DEFINITELY COME!
SO NEXT TIME, I'LL ASK HIM OUTRIGHT!
PROBABLY THERE'S ONLY GOING TO
BE YOU. THAT KIND OF PERSON ...


I'M AKECHI TETSUTA'S MOTHER.
DAD...
BUT, AKECHI'S MOTHER HAS ALREADY ...
IN THIS CENTURY, IS IT REALLY THAT UNCOMMON FOR A BOY TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE MOTHER?
DAD?!
STARE
You're the second wife.

WE HAD AN AGREEMENT.
KUSHIYA
DA... DAD ...
AKI-CHAN.
YES ?
HE DID IT FOR YOU...
YOU... PREDICTED THIS?
GLARE
DOKI
IN THE CAR, I FOUND A WIG AND A MAKEUP KIT.

I... THAT IS...
!!!
DO KI
YOU'RE WEARING MAKE-UP.
I SEE YOU PLANNED TO DRESS UP AS A WOMAN YOURSELF!
WAIT! WAIT A MINUTE, SENPAI!!
YOU DECIDED TO DRESS UP BY YOURSELF, I DIDN'T FORCE YOU!
Dad! Aki chan!
WILL NOT PARTICIPATE
AKECHI TETSUYA
THAT BRILLIANT SMILE WAS ALMOST LOST.
HE'S BECOME VERY SELF-RELIANT FOR HIS AGE...
THAT CHILD'S MOTHER DIED, AND I BURIED MYSELF IN MY WORK ...
!!

I DIDN'T PLAN TO USE THIS AS A WAY TO REPAY HIM,
BUT I HAD THE FEELING THAT IF I DIDN'T COME, I'D REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
TRUTH-FULLY,
I HAD NO IDEA YOU SACRIFICED THIS MUCH
WHAT?!
THEY CAN'T LIGHT THE BAREBECUE FIRE, AND THE MOTHERS AROUND THERE CAN'T DO IT ...
UH, IF YOU'RE TIRED, DAD, YOU CAN STAY HERE AND REST.
NO WAY!
YOU CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKING AT HIS FACE.
Dad! Aki chan!
BUT, YOUR FEELINGS TOWARD THE CHILD, HE ALREADY REALIZES THEM.

SHHH..
THIS IS GREAT!
I KNOW DAD CAN DO IT!
I INTEND TO HAVE ALL THE FUN I CAN TODAY!
SHHH..
SHH...
I REALLY DON'T KNOW,
BUT IT'S COMPLETELY OUT OF STYLE.
WHAT KIND OF GET UP IS THAT ...
Huh?
Here!
!!!
THIS WOOD IS TOO THICK, SO...
SFX: BARU

YOU NEED SOME EASILY FLAMMABLE MATERIAL TOO.
YOU CAN'T JUST START WITH THE WOOD;
OKAY! I'M GOING TO LIGHT THE FIRE NOW!
QUICK-LY!
TADA!
SENPAI! I BROUGHT NEWS-PAPER! ♡
AH! THA-NKS!
KA PA M!!
SO BE CAREFUL, OKAY?
HURRY
OKAY! THE MATCH IS EASILY BLOWN OUT BY THE WIND,
THIS WAY, THE FIRE WILL BE EASILY LIT.
AH! IT'S ALMOST DONE!
YEAH!
YOU NEED TO DO THIS!

EDITORS NOTE: IT'S "QUICKLY" AS IN ACTION, NOT WHAT THE CHARACTER IS SAYING

IT'S LIT!
WOAH!
THE FIRE'S LIT!
BAN-ZAI!
WE'RE #1!
YE AH!
AH! SHE'S FROM BEFORE!
...
OUR GROUP IS HAVING SOME PROBLEMS, SO CAN YOU COME HELP US?
EX-CUSE ME ...
THAT IS... BUT...
WE NEED SOME HELP TOO!
WE CAN'T BREAK OUR WOOD APART!
THEY'RE MASTERS!
UM, OUR GROUP NEEDS SOME HELP!

NO PROBLEM.
SMILE
AD-MIRABLE ...
Too hot!
What!
SO...
It looks like my mom will just stand around and wait for the food.
THEY'RE BOTH MEN, JUST TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MOTHER-CHILD ACTIVITY!
YES, THEY DRESSED UP AS WOMEN FOR ME, EVEN THOUGH
INCREDIBLE!
They're really masters
It's
IT'S OUR GROUP'S TURN NEXT!
OK!
THERE ARE REALLY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO CAN DO THINGS LIKE THIS!
OK...
IT'S OUR TURN NEXT!
Aki
EXHAUSTED AKI-CHAN
COULD YOU HELP US WITH THIS PIECE OF WOOD?

THEY'RE MY MOTHERS!
NO WAY!
WHAT?
!!
MAGIC SPELL.
I...
I REALLY ...
THERE'S ALSO ANOTHER
AKI-CHAN!
DAD!

I REALLY LOVE YOU BOTH!
CHUUU!
WOAH!
SO LUCKY!
GRAB
HUH?
SQUEEZE

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HELLO, EVERYONE! WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR CHRISTMAS RELEASE! HIROKIRIN WORKED HARD ON THE TRANSLATIONS SO DON'T FORGET TO DROP BY THE WEBSITE OR THE FORUM TO THANK HER. LOL SHOW SOME LOVE. =P

AS FOR THE EDITING, IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTION TO HELP ME IMPROVE, THE GROUP WEBSITE IS JUST A CLICK AWAY. =)

HAVE A MERRY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS!

(IF YOU WANT TO HOST THIS PROJECT IN YOUR SITE, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE COULD TELL PEOPLE WHERE TO LOOK FOR OUR RELEASES. PLUS, IT'S GOOD ETIQUETTE. XD)

BOKU wa Ne

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We would love to hear your feedbacks!

NAMED AKI-CHAN ♡
WE RECENTLY HIRED A HOUSE-KEEPER,
AFTER AGREEING TO TAKE OUR MOTHER'S PLACE, HE HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF OUR FAMILY IN THE PLACE OF OUR WORKAHOLIC FATHER
PROCESS OF ARRANGING ROOMS
TETSUTA IS IT ALRIGHT TO MOVE THE TABLE NEXT TO THE WINDOW?
NOT ONLY PRETTY AND GENTLE, ♡
BUT SOME-TIMES A BIT AGGRESSIVE, HE IS OUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER

MOVING
MOVE IT...
PUTS DOWN
HMM? WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
NOTHING
THAT'S RIGHT I ALMOST FORGOT SOMETHING
AH!
OK, BUT THE TABLE IS REALLY HEAVY,
DAD SAID TO WAIT TILL HE COMES HOME TO
?
AKI IS A GUY
(FULL NAME IS KOBAYASHI AKIHITO)
phew!
WHAT'S THIS BOX?
AH! THAT'S!?
EH?
EVEN DAD WASN'T ABLE TO MOVE THAT TABLE BY HIMSELF
STRONG!!
I'll move this next
Aki Aki is so dreamy!
HE WAS MY FATHER'S UNDERCLASSMAN IN HIGH SCHOOL AND IS ALSO MY LITTLE SISTER AYA'S KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

IT'S GREAT! IT'S A TEACUP RIGHT? ♡
DEPRESSED
IT'S A BOWL
Waahh! ♡
Aki
There was didn't want to take it out. How shameful
sorry
THIS IS FOR ME :)
to: Aki
Eh? But...
Didn't Mother's day pass by a long time ago?
"It's now July.
TEACHER WANTED US TO MAKE A MOTHERS DAY GIFT, SO
I DON'T HAVE A MOM, SO I THOUGHT I'D MAKE A GIFT FOR YOU
I REALLY TRIED VERY HARD!
HOLDING
HOLDING
Excitement
Excitement
THIS IS A VASE
WOW
AND WHO KNEW...
Ugh
THAT AFTER BAKING IT, IT WOULD BECOME THIS SMALL.
normal size
this small

I'M VERY HAPPY!!
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?
I'M VERY SORRY
RECEIVING THE CARNATIONS ON MOTHERS DAY, I WAS ALSO VERY HAPPY,
BUT RIGHT NOW I'M A HUNDRED TIMES HAPPIER! ♡
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D BE THIS HAPPY
BECAUSE, THERE ARE YOUR FEELINGS IN HERE
BESIDES,

EH?
EVER SINCE I WAS YOUNG, MY PARENTS WERE NEVER HOME, I WAS A CHILD THAT NO ONE EVER CARED ABOUT
FATHER AND MOTHER RARELY TOOK NOTICE OF ME
SO...
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME RECIEVING A HAND-MADE GIFT
TETSU-TAP
LET ME TAKE CARE OF DINNER TONIGHT
I WANT TO MAKE DINNER FOR YOU,
SO YOU HAVE TO EAT WITH THE BOWL I MADE FOR YOU!!

OK
THANK YOU!
IN THE END, AKI-CHAN MADE MOST OF IT
Right
MOTHERS DAY?
IS THESE A CELEBRATION TODAY?
IT'S MOTHERS DAY
So extravagant.
TADA-♡♡
Tetsuya made it-is ♡
WHAT?

I WONDER WHAT GOOD THINGS TOMORROW WILL BRING ♡
TETSUTA —!!
SURPRISE
CALLING ME?
singing
smile ♡
WE CAN PLAY WITH THIS IN SWIMMING CLASS TODAY!
Isn't it cute? ♡
WHAT WAS THAT?
VIOLENT HEARTBEAT
MY PRECIOUS THINGS ARE INCREASING ONE BY ONE
THAT'S UNFAIR! ONLY YOU HAVE ONE!!
SEMPAI, YOU HAVE TO WAIT TILL FATHERS DAY!
AH, REALLY .. PUH-LEASE! IT PASSED A LONG TIME AGO!!
TODAY MORE THAN YESTERDAY, TOMORROW MORE THAN TODAY,

THEN, TODAY WE HAVE FREE ACTIVITIES!?
EH?
CAN I PLAY TOO!?
OF COURSE!
BUT...
SENSEI IS GOING TO LECTURE YOU.
SWIMMING
Cute?
IT'S ALRIGHT! THE TEACHER SAID IT WAS OK!
SHOCK
YOU HAVE TO FINISH SWIMMING 25M FIRST!
GOOD LUCK! YOU ONLY NEED 23M!
I'll cheer for you!
PAT
SOU-CHAN, I
25m?
TEACHER SAID WHOEVER FINISHES CAN HAVE FREE TIME TO PLAY ♡
Don't sink!
Ugh—
kids having fun
water splashing

EVEN MOM GAVE UP
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
KYAAA—
TETSUTA~
I USED TO GO TO THE SWIMMING POOL WITH MOM VERY OFTEN,
BUT...
TETSUTA I'M GOING TO LET GO!
SIGH—
I'M THE WORST AT SWIMMING
I hate summer!
CAN WE USE THE POOL AFTER SCHOOL?
TEACHER, IF WE HELP TETSUTA DO A SPECIAL TRAINING,
HOW TROUBLING, WE CAN'T GIVE A GRADE LIKE THIS
I REALLY WANT TO GO TO THE POOL MOM TOOK ME TO... BUT IT'S REALLY TOO FAR, I CAN'T GO BY MYSELF
AH— I WISH I COULD LEARN
SPLASH
SPLASH
Lend it to me!
Idiot, you want to die?!
TEACHER, I CAN'T EVEN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO FOLLOW THEIR LEAD
You're the idiot! You got 35 on the last test!
THAT'S TRUE...
Stop it! Don't bite! Idiot!

AND GOT 10 ENTRANCE TICKETS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD POOL.♡
I JUST WON PRIZE AT THE GROCERY,
御細侍
AKI AKI ♡
IT WOULD ALSO COST A LOT TO GO OFTEN..
SIGH
tetsu?
I'M BACK! LISTEN!
step step step
*AYA-ARMS FLAILING
AKI-CHAN, YOU'RE TOO GREAT!!!
AH, TETSU! IS IT THAT YOU DON'T LIKE SWIMMING..?
UH, UNTIL TODAY
?
EH?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
Ate the wrong medicine?

SO, AKI-CHAN,
COULD YOU BRING ME TO THE SWIMMING POOL?
STARTING FROM TOMORROW, I WON'T HATE IT,
I WANT TO LEARN IT WELL
OF COURSE!
NEXT SUNDAY WE'LL BRING YOUR FAVORITE MEATBALLS AND CHICKEN SAUSAGE FOR LUNCH,
AND GO SWIM THE WHOLE DAY!
YAY! I CAN GO SWIM WITH AKI!!
LIN'
I WANT TO, TOO
OF COURSE I DIDN'T FORGET YOU AND THE APPLES
AND SEAWEED ROLLS AND STEWED FISH!

DAD!!
YOU
AND POTATO AND BACON ROLLS AND SALAD.
AH!
AREN'T PLANNING TO LEAVE ME BEHIND AND GO RIGHT?
BUT THESE DAYS, AREN'T YOU BUSY WITH WORK? WILL IT BE TOO MUCH?
DION'T I ALREADY SAY SO? YOU ARE MORE IMPORTANT
UN!
THANK YOU DAD♡
I LOVE YOU THE MOST!
WAA-H!
I'LL MAKE WHATEVER YOU WANT TO EAT! ♡♡
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE!?

HUG HUG
OH...
BUT, BUT, DAD!!
THE GROCERY STORE'S PRIZE IS REALLY HARD TO DRAW! AKI-CHAN IS REALLY GREAT ♡
HE COULD ACTUALLY DRAW WHAT I WANTED THE MOST!
WHAT I DREW WAS TISSUE
JUST WHEN I PLANNED TO GO HOME AFTER DRAWING THE TISSUE
I SAW SOMEONE IN FRONT OF THE TOILET WHO LOOKED LIKE HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, SO I GAVE HIM THE TISSUE AND HE GAVE THESE AS A GIFT TO ME
He even thanked me a lot—
Kya
Kya
AKI, YOU...
DEFINITELY AREN'T NORMAL in lots of ways
W...—H THE WEATHER'S SO GOOD ♡

BEING TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE, MY MOOD IS MORE "CAREFREE" ♡
THE WIND AND SUN ALL SUIT SWIMMING!
UN! ♡
I HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE POOL SINCE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
Ah!
THAT'S RIGHT, I REMEMBER YOU DOGGY-PADDLED SOM ONCE!
AKI-CHAN ...
You were clearly in another grade, why do you even know this...?
...THAT'S BREAST STROKE!
CALM DOWN! DON'T SHOW THAT "I'M VERY UNEASY" EXPRESSION, I CAN TEACH YOU BUTTERFLY STROKE.
DASH
YOU CAN'T! THE WOMEN'S CHANGING ROOM IS THIS WAY!
MADAM!
LET'S GO CHANGE FIRST!

WOMEN'S CHANGING ROOM
How embarrassing! Come with me quickly!
DRAG DRAG
STOP
MISS
...
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
MISTAKEN FOR A GIRL!
PLEASE GO IN
THIS WAY
REVEAL
HOW IS IT A LIE? I WAS ALWAYS A GUY
Urg
.....
WHAT A LIE!
How could I enter the women's changing room?
I'M VERY SORRY TO HAVE MADE YOU MISUNDERSTAND, BUT IF I WERE TO GO IN, I WOULD CAUSE A LOT OF PANIC AMONG THE LADIES, PLEASE LET ME GO BACK!

OK, LET'S GO IN!
AMAZING
My heart keeps thumping.
BUT HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A GIRL AT ALL THIS WAY
AKI REALLY IS
OK--!
AKI, TETSUTA! LUNCH TIME!
HI...HI! YOU CAME
I'LL GO BUY DRINKS!
THANKS
Want seaweed tea.
Which do you want?
THIS IS PLUM. THIS IS SALMON
LITTLE BOY! YOUR MOM MADE YOU LUNCH? SO LUCKY!
HA HA!

TISSUE
what-ever
THIS PLACE IS OWNED BY MY FAMILY, PLEASE COME OFTEN!
AH, YOU'RE THE TISSUE!!
THANKS A LOT FOR LAST TIME
HA HA HA
AH, YOU WANT TO BUY DRINK? I'LL TREAT YOU!
COME ON TELL ME!
WHICH KIND DO YOU WANT TO BUY? I'LL HELP YOU FIND IT!
IT'S OK, I DIDN'T FIND WHAT I WANTED TO BUY
AH, SENPAI! THERE ISN'T SEAWEED TEA HERE!
The service here is really bad!
NEVER MIND OOLONG TEA WILL BE OKAY.
TWO BOTTLES OF OOLONG TEA
OH, SHE BROUGHT A GUY WITH HER!
DAD, I WANT WHEAT TEA!
I'll drink it with Aya-chan
I WANT SEAWEED TEA.
SEA-WEED

SO that's how it is! What will we do?
EVEN HAS CHILDREN...
plus there are two
THAT PERSON WAS REALLY NICE
He even gave me many entrance tickets!
He even treated us to juice!
EVEN'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!
GAVE
GAVE?
?
!?
AKI OFTEN DOESN'T NOTICE WHEN PEOPLE LIKE HIM
PHOTO! PHOTO!
TAKE ONE OF PARENT AND CHILD!
AH, CAMERA!!

IT SHOULD BE A FAMILY PICTURE!!
EXCUSE ME~
COULD YOU TAKE A PICTURE FOR US~
DAD.
WE LIKE HIM SO MUCH, BUT...
WHAT DOES AKI-CHAN THINK OF US?

DOESN'T HE KNOW?
DOESN'T HE THINK OF US AS HIS FAMILY
What
HOW?
HE'S VERY STUBBORN!
LET HIM KNOW, OF COURSE!!
IF HE DOESN'T KNOW, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?
MOM TRIED TO TEACH ME TO SWIM, BUT I JUST COULDN'T LEARN
IS THAT SO?
SO IF I CAN LEARN WITH AKI-CHAN, THAT WOULD BE AN INCREDIBLE THING
BUT, I REALLY WANT HIM TO BECOME A PART OF OUR FAMILY!

BECAUSE, IF HE CAN DO SOMETHING EVEN REAL FAMILY CAN'T DO,
THIS MEANS HE'S SURPASSED "REAL FAMILY", RIGHT?
I WILL DEFINITELY LEARN TO SWIM 25 METERS!
CAN DAD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR TRAINING?
I'LL ALSO BE USEFUL SOMETIMES!
GOOD DECISION

DAD,
ARE YOU LONELY?
WHAT...
Don't joke
KIDS ARE SOMETIMES SO PERCEPTIVE!
LET'S GO SWIM!
HUG!
.....
drag
drag
drag
drag
DAD!
I DON'T WANT IT!
JUST A KISS
*OLD MAN
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?

AKI-CHAN, LET'S GO PRACTICE!!
PANT
PANT
AH!
I WILL DEFINITELY FINISH SWIMMING 25 METERS!
DON'T SHOW ANY MERCY WHEN YOU TEACH ME!
OK!!
don't show any mercy it is!
LIN, THAT'S ALSO ONE OF HIS FACES
TETSUTA!
COMING —
I'M GOING!
TETSUTA,
DO YOU HATE HIM?
EXHAUSTED
Dad.
TETSUTA! WHO LET YOU REST!?
SWIM HERE! THERE'S STILL MORE COMING!
Was Aki-chan always like this?

Freetalk:

IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE MEET, I'M FUJIWARA KIYO, THANK YOU FOR BUYING MY WORK!

THIS IS MY FIRST SERIES, I'M REALLY VERY EXCITED BECAUSE SINCE I STARTED DRAWING MANGAS, I'VE BEEN DREAMING OF THIS DAY... AND NOW IT REALLY HAPPENED, I'M REALLY SO HAPPY.

THE THINGS WRITTEN HERE ARE MAYBE NOT VERY GOOD, BUT I ALWAYS PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO IT! I HOPE EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO LIKE IT

IF EVERYONE COULD WRITE A LETTER TO TELL ME YOUR OPINIONS, THEN I WILL BE VERY ~ VERY ~ HAPPY!

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DOZN
nuka
.....
throw
throw
I BROUGHT A LOT OF THINGS TO PLAY WITH EVERYONE!
You're the MVP!! so cool!!
IT'S ALL TOYS INSIDE!
THAT'S RIGHT. ALL TOY
YOU LEARNED!?
in such a short time!?
hehehe. you'll know when you see!
smile
That's Great!
STARTING FROM TODAY I'LL ALSO PARTICIPATE
I lost...
I WILL FINISH SWIMMING 25 METERS ♡

I FORGOT THE SWIMMING SUIT-!!
AAAAAA
AH!
S...
WHAT'S WRONG?
IF I CAN'T ENTER THE SWIMMING POOL, THERE'S NO MEANING TO IT ALL
That kind of thing we can't really lend you!
AKI-CHAN'S TRAINING AND DAD'S SUPPORT WILL BE WASTED!
WHAT'LL I DO!? WHAT'LL I DO!?
TETSUTA!
BAM
AKECHI TETSUTA
YOU FORGOT TO TAKE SOMETHING!!!
A,
AKI-CHAN...

SLIDES OPEN
AKI-CHAN, YOU FORGOT TO BRING SOMETHING!
TRY HARD!
here, sounds!!
THIS...
Un, your dad said it's to eat together. I thought he was talking about his co-workers..
Aki, you made lunch?
MEANS?
LUNCH
AND US!
KECHI-S N.
UN, IT'S GOOD!!

I, WAS RIGHT!!
DAD, THIS ISN'T GOOD
YOU'RE TROUBLING US A LOT! TODAY IS A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY,
It's really hot here-
If I knew I would have brought a parasol-
Sorry
WE DIDN'T PREPARE SEATS FOR FAMILY TO WATCH!
This father and son pair!
TEACHER, IS IT ALRIGHT?
LET THEM DO WHAT-EVER THEY WANT!
Family Seats
Concerning that, there's no need to worry anymore. ♡
I already thought about this kind of problem
What can I do
a devil
TETSUTA!
UN!
ALRIGHT!
YOU CAN DEFINITELY MAKE IT! GO FOR IT!
YOU ALREADY WORKED HARD ONE WEEK,
PAT

AH!
I CAN'T WATCH!
IS TETSUTA ALRIGHT? IS HE NERVOUS? CAN HE BREATH?
WHAT'LL I DO? MY HEART BEAT KEEPS INCREASING!!
SHAKE SHAKE
I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL!
Cool down! The one who can't breath, is you!
CALM DOWN! HE WILL FINISH SWIMMING IT ALL.
BECAUSE, HE'S TRYING HARD FOR YOU.
So cold!
HE WANTS TO MAKE YOU CONSIDER US AS YOUR REAL FAMILY.
FOR ME?
SINCE HE CAN'T EXPRESS IT IN WORDS, HE'S TRYING TO EXPRESS IT WITH ACTION.

IF YOU CAN DO SOMETHING THAT EVEN FAMILY MEMBERS CAN'T,
IT MEANS THAT YOU'VE SURPASSED REAL FAMILY MEMBERS.
WU MING LI
IF TETSUTA THINKS THAT THIS WILL LET YOU BECOME OUR FAMILY MEMBER
SO, SEMPAI YOU ALSO CAME BACK EARLY EVERYDAY TO WATCH HIM PRACTICE, RIGHT?
I ALSO WANT TO SUPPORT HIM
Waa~
the POOL~
BEING UNDER THE SUN TOO LONG, ISN'T GOOD FOR PEOPLE WHO LACK SLEEP!

YOU'VE SLEPT VERY LITTLE, RIGHT? YOU'VE BEEN WORKING VERY LATE AT NIGHT
In what way do I look sleepy?
THANK YOU.
YOU GUYS REGARD ME SO MUCH,
I'M REALLY VERY HAPPY!
AKI-CHAN ...
BUT EVERY TIME I THINK THAT THE REASON THEY WORK SO HARD IS FOR ME, I FEEL THAT I SHOULDN'T BE SO SELFISH.
MY FATHER AND MOTHER WERE ALWAYS VERY BUSY PEOPLE, IT'S VERY RARE FOR OUR FAMILY TO ALL BE TOGETHER,
THE FEELING OF "FAMILY" SEEMS VERY UNREAL TO ME,

EVEN I DIDN'T NOTICE THAT THIS WAY OF THINKING CLOSED UP MY HEART MORE AND MORE, UNTIL ONE DAY...
A COLD EMPTY HOME,
SO LONELY, IT WAS EVEN HARD TO SLEEP
HEY! THAT PALE-FACE!
CHANGED MY WORLD
COME UP A SEC!
PAT
SCARED
HUH?
Is it happy hour?
EXCUSE ME
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SLEEP!

OK-!!!
YOU SHOULD BE MORE PRACTICAL AT THIS KIND OF TIME!!!
His Lap !?
Be Quick!
Be Quick!
Sleep On
YOUR FACE HAS ALREADY TURNED PALE, WHY ARE YOU SO POLITE!!
THAT I
VERY GOOD
SMILE
FROM THAT TIME, I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED YOU,
YOU WALK WITH YOUR HEAD DOWN, DID YOU KNOW THAT?
RUB
LOOK, THE SKY'S SO BLUE!
YOU'RE THE PERSON I RESPECT MOST
SINCE THEN, YOU'VE TAKEN CARE OF ME A LOT
FALLS

MAYBE TETSUTA SENSED SOMETHING?
KIDS' INSTINCTS ARE REALLY STRONG.
I DECIDED IF THIS PERSON EVER HAD A PROBLEM
I'D HELP HIM
I DION'T REALLY TAKE CARE OF YOU, JUST FELT UNEASY IF I LEFT YOU ALONE
WE ARE "FAMILY"!
DON'T FEEL BAD,
SORRY, I CAME HERE TO HELP YOU,
BUT IN THE END LET YOU GUYS WORRY ABOUT ME

Next Akechi-kun!
Ah, it's Tetsuta!
OI! DO YOUR BEST!
BLUSH
BLUSH
THE GOOD PART IS JUST STARTING!
DON'T WORRY. HE'S MY SON. EVEN IF HE DOGGY-PADDLES HE'LL FINISH IT.
Aki
Aki?
DAD,
AKI
WATCH WHAT I CAN DO!
I HAVE TO LET AKI KNOW,
LET HIM KNOW HOW MUCH WE LIKE HIM.
Get ready for...
Ok-

SFX: BIG SPLASH
LET HIM KNOW
HOW MUCH WE NEED HIM
SFX: SPLASH
10M/
HE TAKES ON BOTH ROLES
"EVEN THOUGH THERE ISN'T ANY BLOOD RELATION,"
RUNS
COUGH
HE'S STILL TRYING!
It's too early to give up!
DURING TRAINING, THIS WAS HIS LIMIT.
He's not sinking!
Oh,
5M/
THOUGH HE ISN'T OUR DAD, NOR IS OUR MOM,

TETSUTA!
STILL HE'S MY MOST IM-PORTANT!
WAAH!
TETSUTA!
TETSUTA!
AKI-CHAN! AKI-CHAN! I...
EXHALES
MOST IMPORTANT PERSON!

I SAW! I SAW EVERY-THING!
FLICK
EH?
DIZZY
YOU WERE REALLY TOO GREAT! I'M SO TOUCHED! THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK, TETSUTA!!
FALLS
ISN'T THAT RIGHT? SEMPAI!
SEMPAI?
DAD...

DAD!?
AKECHI-SAN, WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT'LL WE DO? DAD HE HE
DAD!
MOVE HIM TO A COOLER PLACE FIRST!
WHO SHOULD WE CALL TO MOVE HIM?
Nobody's strong enough
CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!
DON'T WORRY,
I APOLOGIZE FOR CAUSING SO MUCH PANIC, PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR CLASS!

DON'T WORRY
HE JUST FAINTED FROM LACK OF SLEEP
I'LL BORROW THE MEDICAL ROOM FOR A WHILE
Easily
TETSUYA
SORRY, I'M TAKING YOUR DAD TO THE MEDICAL ROOM TO REST A BIT
AH!
AH, UN
AK!
"PRECIOUS PEOPLE ARE INCREASING ONE BY ONE"

MORE TODAY THAN YESTERDAY,
SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE
HOWEVER MUCH TROUBLE IS ALL RIGHT
MORE TOMORROW THAN TODAY,
BECAUSE WE ARE A FAMILY
ISN'T THAT RIGHT? TETSUTA
BUT FROM NOW ON, HOWEVER GREAT A PERSON WHO APPEARS
YES!!
GASP
WILL NEVER SURPASS OUR AKI-CHAN ♡

Boku wa Ne

by Fujiwara Kiyo

Happy New Year, everyone! I certainly hope you enjoy this New Year release. The story is also timely. Spend time with your family this season! Have a prosperous and safe year!

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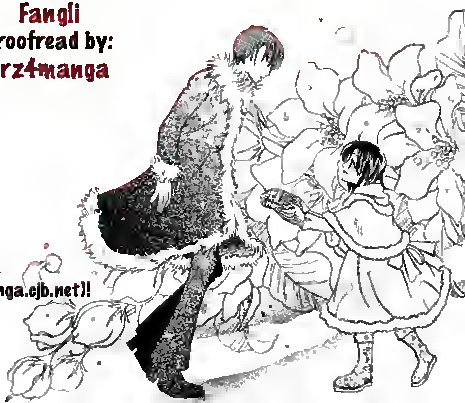

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BOKU WAVE

SMILE
It's the last day of Winter Break.
Today, we're going out together.
DAD'S VERY BUSY, SO WE USUALLY CAN'T GET OUT AND HAVE FUN,
BUT TODAY, WE CAN, SO I'M VERY HAPPY!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TETSUTA?
TETSUTA'S BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME FOR THIS DAY
OF COURSE!

DAD SLEPT THROUGH THE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS
SORRY, TETSUTA
IT'S FINE. THAT WAS ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAD A COLD!
Oh, another noise. People are starting at us!
STARE
STARE
SURE
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?
NEXT SUNDAY!?
WE CAN REALLY GO SOMEWHERE TOGETHER ON THE 14TH?
Ignore that!
ANYWHERE'S FINE! ♡
I'LL BE HAPPY AS LONG AS WE'RE ALL TOGETHER!!
OKAY!! SINCE MY COLD IS GONE, LET'S GO SOMEWHERE TOGETHER NEXT SUNDAY!

I HATE IT WHEN HE DOES THAT..
There's me, Akechi Tetsuta
Our family has four members.
Aya
DAD!!
AMUSEMENT PARK!
WHERE DOES AYA-CHAN WANT TO GO?
There's my beloved Dad!♡
He's a bit strange!
Not again
SFX GRAB
My little sister Aya.
There's also one other person...
MY COMPANY SHOULD HAVE FREE ADMISSION TICKETS.. I'LL CALL AND ASK..
THOSE MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS!
LIFT
There's a little train!
St. Plaza
STEP
STEP
We can't forget the fourth important member of our family!

AYA-CHAN SHOULD STAY HERE AND PLAY WITH ME! ♡
Okay?
OK
AKI-CHAN!!
After our mother died, Aki-chan's been helping Dad around he house,
And taking care of us! ♡
Aki-chan was Dad's undrclass-man in high school,
and is now Aya-chan's preschool teacher
AYA-CHAN, CAN YOU GO OFF TO THE SIDE TO PLAY FOR A MOMENT?
HIS BROTHER HAS SOME-THING TO DISCUSS WITH AKI-CHAN
OK! ♡
Beautiful, generous, and gentle, Aki-chan is really
Um...
CHU!
THE THING IS...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
AH!
BROTHER'S BALL!
STEP
STEP

SFX: GUN
AYA-CHAN!
Don't go there!
BROTHER!
SFX: <PUAAA> (I'M GUESSING IT'S THE SOUND OF THE TRAINS STOPPING)
!

GRAB
POPPOO
Sorry
N-No trouble with picking the two of us up
Can you put us down!
UM.. WERE WE TOO HEAVY?
AH.. THANKS
Yep. This super strong Aki-chan is really a..
HEART BEAT
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I'M NOT THAT WEAK
Besides, I've carried Aya-chan in preschool before
What?
What happened?
Man ...
Uh,...
You can't tell from his appearance

HUH?
OH YEAH, TETSUTA, THERE'S A PLACE OVER THERE SELLING WARM SCARVES, DO YOU WANT TO
REALLY?!
AKI-CHAN! LET'S CHECK IT OUT!
Grrr!
I see
TETSUTA, THANKS FOR PROTECTING AYA-CHAN
Not cool
AND,
AKI-CHAN, THANK YOU FOR SAVING THEM BOTH
(PAT)
FROZEN
どぴゅーん
SFX: SUPER FAST
SAY
TETSUTA
YES?
This one's not that expensive
WHOA!
THESE SCARVES ARE REALLY EXPENSIVE!
YOU SEE, AKI-CHAN
Sigh
REALLY
IS THIS WHAT THEY CALL YOUR PLAN BACKFIRING AGAINST YOU?

HUG
AKI-CHAN, DO YOU THINK THIS SCARF SUITS DAD?
NEXT SUNDAY IS DAD'S BIRTHDAY! ♡♡
DAD USUALLY WORKS SO HARD FOR US, SO I WANT TO GIVE HIM A GIFT,
NOT HAVING YOUR FATHER AROUND, ISN'T TOO..
CONVE-NIENT?
Yep.
.....
FILLED WITH FEELINGS AND JOY
OH NO
SO...
JANUARY 14TH
OH NO...
WHAT'S WRONG?
I FORGOT
I'LL BE SCOLDED AGAIN!!
YOU WERE SCOLDED BEFORE?
YES

???
AH!
ABOUT TODAY...
UM... TODAY
SENPAI?
AKI-CHAN
SENPAI HELPED ME CELEBRATE MY BIRTHDAY, SO I PROMISED TO HELP HIM CELEBRATE HIS...
.....
Here!
I brought some!
IS IT BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T EAT SOME NEW YEAR CAKE* THREE YEARS AGO, AND WANT SOME NOW?
DENSE
AND, THE DAY BEFORE, HE SAID HE WANTED TO EAT NEW YEAR CAKE, SO I THOUGHT HE WOULD WANT SOME WITH RED BEANS, AND SO IT'S NO WONDER I FORGOT!
I won't forget!
CAN YOU BLAME ME! JANUARY 14 IS IN THE MIDDLE OF EXAMS!
AFTER THAT?
HE DIDN'T TALK TO ME FOR A WHOLE WEEK.
My head hurts...
SO, YOU MUST NEVER LET HIM KNOW THAT I FORGOT AGAIN
IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE REALLY FRIGHTENED

*NEW YEAR CAKE A RICE CAKE TRADITIONALLY EATEN ON NEW YEARS, SOMETIMES IT HAS A FILLING, LIKE THE RED BEAN [PASTE] THAT AKI- CHAN WAS TALKING ABOUT

AS LONG AS YOU KEEP IT A SECRET, ON THE 14TH,
I'LL DEFINITELY GET A BIG SURPRISE FOR HIM! ♡
FOR MY DEAR DAD!
YEP!
OH, YOU'RE BACK
Bro-ther
Sorry to keep you waiting-
WHAT DID YOU BUY?
TE-TSUTA.
Hee Hee
It's a secret! ♡

Good morning, Tatsuta
GOOD MORNING EVERYONE
Morning~
MORNING AKECHI
TATSUMI!
THANKS FOR YOUR NEW YEAR'S CARD, PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF ME THIS YEAR!
SFX: <DON> DRAMATIC EFFECT
SFX: <DOH>
Happy New Year!
YA
ME
どーん
YOU TOO, TAKE CARE OF...

"THIS YEAR (IN THE MANGA) IS THE SNAKE YEAR, OR "6TH [SHI]" YEAR ("SHI" IS THE KANJI FOR THE SECOND PART OF TATSUMI'S NAME). THIS IS A PUN BY SOU-CHAN

LAST YEAR (IN THE MANGA) WAS "5TH [SHIN]" YEAR ("SHIN" IS THE KANJI FOR THE FIRST PART OF TATSUMI'S NAME). ANOTHER PUN

EVERY-ONE,
WE'LL BE MAKING BADGES TODAY
TIRED
Ok~~~!
ARGUMENTS ARE TIRING
AKECHI HERE'S YOURS
THA-THANKS
YOU'VE MADE UP WITH SOU-CHAN?
MADE UP?
PLEASE, THAT WASN'T FIGHTING A REAL FIGHT IS..
HEY! SOU-CHAN!
HYAH!!!
MORON! WHO TOLD YOU TO MESS WITH MY STUFF!
NOT FIGHTING?
This still doesn't count?
WHAT SHOULD I DRAW?
I'VE GOT IT!
THE ONLY ONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD.
THEY'VE MADE UP ALREADY?
Yep
Only one in the world
THE FINISHED PRODUCT WILL BE THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD" SAYS THE INSTRUC-TIONS MANUAL
DRAW SOMETHING YOU LIKE ON IT, THEN IRON IT, AND YOU'LL HAVE AN INCRE-DIBLE RESULT!

I'LL WRITE DOWN WHAT I WANTED TO SAY, AND STICK IT ON THE SCARF I GOT FOR DAD!
THIS IDEA ISN'T BAD!!
THEN THE SCARF WILL BE THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD!!
I WAS GOING TO WRITE MY NAME ON IT, THEN STICK IT ON MY BACK-PACK!
Not again
AREN'T THE COUPLES ON THE STREET ALL LIKE THIS TOO?
WHAT? HOW'S THIS COOL!?
Ah
I LOVE DAD THE MOST!
HEE HEE
THE SCARF WAS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL BECAUSE IT MIGHT'VE BEEN SEEN AT HOME
I LOVE YOU! MY SWEET HONEY♡
SNAKE
REALLY! NO TASTE!!
WHO THE HECK WOULD WRITE SOMETHING SO DISGUSTING?
Even couples!
laugh
WHAT IS IT NOW?
THIS GUY DOODLED ALL OVER MY BADGE!
LOOK, AKECHI!

Y-YES.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
UH...
AH!
WHAT'S THIS? AKECHI!"
I LOVE DAD THE MOST!
EVEN YOU ARE DOING THIS
BLUSH
GRAB
SFX RUN
だっ
AKECHI?
HE WROTE THIS FOR HIS DAD
HE ONLY HAS HIS FATHER
SO HE WAS PROBABLY GOING TO GIVE THIS TO HIM AS A PRESENT
NO WAY
TETSUTA!
♡

I'VE GOT THE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE AMUSEMENT PARK! WE CAN ALL GO TOGETHER ON SUNDAY!
D-DAD
THE PRESENT
AKI-CHAN
AH, TETSUTA, YOUR TIMING'S PERFECT
I CAN'T TELL DAD ABOUT THE SITUATION WITH THE PRESENT
HEY! AKI-CHAN! EXCUSE ME, DAD
COLD, LONELY WIND
WALKING
WHAT IS IT? YOU LOOK DRAINED
IT'S NOTHING! I'M FINE!

DON'T YOU THINK THE COLOR GOES WELL WITH YOUR SCARF
I SAW THIS TODAY, SO I BOUGHT IT!
Sweater!
YOU SEE!
TE
ARS
TETSUTA?
BUT, I THINK YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA!
IF I RECEIVED IT, I'D BE VERY HAPPY!!
I SEE ...
THIS IS QUITE A DILEMMA.

NO MATTER WHAT I'D WANT TO SHOW IT OFF TO THE WHOLE WORLD!
REALLY? It wouldn't make you uncomfortable?
BECAUSE IT'S FROM YOU, AND THERE'S NO OTHER SCARF LIKE IT IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD!
HUG
HUG
HUG
I'M SURE YOUR FATHER WILL THINK THIS WAY TOO
WHAT?
IT'S NOT HERE!
IT'S NOT HERE!?
RUMMAGE
HUH?
SURE!
NOW, LET ME SEE IT!

Sunday
WE BROUGHT LUNCH. WE BROUGHT THE TICKETS. DID WE BRING THE HAND TOWELS!?
OKAY, LET'S GO~!
SFX: DEPRESSION
どよーん
OK!
Pant-
OK
BRUSH OFF
UM, TETSUTA DOESN'T LOOK WELL,
WHY DON'T YOU KEEP HIM COMPANY?
He looks really bad
JERK
JERK
HE'LL PROBABLY BE HAPPIER WITH YOU AROUND
Hmph!
HUH?
WHA WHAT!?
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I CAN'T FIND THE PRESENT
I GOT FOR DAD

UM, SENPAI
YOU TWO, ARE YOU GUYS READY
UH...
IT'S COLD OUTSIDE, SO BRING YOUR HATS
AKECHI!
OPENS
TETSUTA, THE BUS IS HERE! Hurry!
WAIT A MOMENT, AKI-CHAN!

I DON'T HAVE TIME RIGHT NOW
I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT YOU!
HEAR ME OUT! I...
TATSU-MI!
TETSUTA
I COULDN'T EXPLAIN PROPERLY AT SCHOOL, IT'S MY FAULT
POUT
SHAKE
Did they have a fight?
What's going on...?
Remembered incident
TEARS
YEP, IT'S ENTIRELY HIS FAULT!
IF HE HADN'T SAID THAT, I WOULDN'T HAVE
Blaming others
AH!
SORRY! THERE WASN'T TIME JUST NOW FOR YOU TO TALK!
We made it on the bus!
UM, I'M..
Outsider?
IS SHE TETSUTA'S NEW MOM?
THE BUS IS HERE! GET ON EVERYONE!
BUT,
NOW DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A GOOD TIME EITHER...
The atmosphere isn't good
SFX SILENCE
ばったん!
SFX DOOR SLAMMING

THERE REALLY ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE ON SUNDAY,
AND MANY OF THEM ARE COUPLES
Yeah
WE STILL HAVE TO WAIT IN LINE! COME ON!
I can't stand these two
YEAH
YEAH
PLEASE TAKE THIS
WHAT'S THIS?
WELCOME!
TWO ADULTS AND TWO KIDS!
Aya-chan gets free admission!
PLEASE FOLLOW ME
YOU WRITE DOWN THE EVENTS THAT WILL OCCUR TODAY IN THIS JOURNAL
AND YOU CAN USE IT AS A GUIDE TO THE PARK
AN UNEXPECTED OBSTACLE MIGHT OCCUR, AND YOU COULD OVERCOME THEM AND,

ROMANTIC FEELINGS BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU COULD DEVELOP.
I refuse!
Eek, there's no refusal.
ON A CLOSER INSPECTION, YOU'RE ACTUALLY A PRETTY HANDSOME BOYFRIEND! AFTER A MAKE-OVER, YOU'LL LOOK EVEN MORE DASHING!
THE GIRLFRIEND TOO! YOU SHOULD TAKE A LITTLE MORE CARE IN YOUR APPEARANCE!
Not again
-PARDON ME. BUT I'M NOT HIS GIRLFRIEND
OH, IS THAT SO?
SFX: RUSTLE
THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEMS AFTER A LITTLE MAKE OVER!
Change clothes~!
SFX: <OOON> DRAMATIC EFFECT

THIS IS A FREE SERVICE TO GET PEOPLE ACCUSTOMED TO THE "ATMOSPHERE" HERE.
YOU TWO WILL BE, "THE SINGER IN SUNGLASSES WITH HIS SECRET LOVER"!
Make sure to play your role!
WHAT?
WHAT?
WHAT?
HEY! TETSUTA...
DAD
Even mother...
OKAY, NEXT!
WE HAVE "LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD AND THE WOLF"!
Too much.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE A WILD LOOK IN YOUR EYE!
WHAT'S THIS SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
Right?
NO!
..SO..
FIDGET
FIDGET
Wha-!?
SO CUTE!
JUST LIKE WHEN YOUR MOTHER WAS LITTLE! TETSUTA
But it is warm!
BROTHER CUTE!

PANT
PANT
BEING CUTE HAS ITS DOWN-SIDES
MY HEAD HURTS. I CAN'T LEAVE DRESSED LIKE THIS
IN THE END
EVEN IF I WANTED TO LEAVE, ITSEEMS THAT I HAVE NO CHOICE
THOSE CLOTHS REALLY SUIT YOU
That's how it is
YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT THE WRONG THING
RIGHT?
THEN, PLEASE DIVIDE INTO COUPLES WHEN YOU ENTER!
Enjoy your stay~!!
DIVIDE INTO COUPLES WHEN YOU ENTER?
SFX <DOKA DON DON> STOMP STOMP
TETSUTA, LET'S GO!!
HUH? ME!?
I WANT TO GO HOME
SFX <PON> FADING STEPS

I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIM
IT'S A CRIME FOR THOSE TWO TO BE A "COUPLE"
HUH?
AH! AH!
HE SHOULD SAY IT! I TRIED TO TALK TO HIM LAST TIME AND HE'S STILL BEING STUBBORN!
HE WON'T LISTEN, GETS MAD, AND THEN SULKS AROUND! IF HE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY,
ACTING LIKE A CHILD AT HIS AGE!
TATSUMI, LET'S GO AFTER THEM!
YOU'RE REALLY TOUGH, AUNT!

CHILDREN DEFER TO OTHER PEOPLE'S MOTHERS AS "AUNT"
Aunt!?
DO YOU FEEL BAD?
YOU FEEL LIKE IGNORING YOU
THEY'RE
OF COURSE YOU FEEL BAD.
AND THE WORSE YOU FEEL, THE MORE FRIGHTENED YOU BECOME.
FEAR WILL ISOLATE OTHERS, AND MAKE YOU WEAK.
EVEN IF YOU WANT TO THROW A TANTRUM, YOU'LL STILL ACT TIMID
BUT..
THE MORE IMPORTANT THE OTHER PERSON IS, THE MORE IMPORTANT IT IS TO RECONCILE WITH THEM
IF YOU TRULY WANT TO REMAIN BY THEIR SIDE,
THEN GATHER UP YOUR COURAGE AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

.....
YES
I have to make peace with him!
I'll chase him to the ends of the world!
I WON'T GIVE UP!
WHO CARES ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!
Ha-ha
Not quite at all!
Ev!!
Achoo!
SUDDEN REALIZATION
OH YEAH, I HAVE SOMETHING
Wait a moment!
Fine!
Ei.
AYA-CHAN!
Are you cold?
GRAB
THANK YOU!
I WAS GOING TO GIVE THIS TO TETSUTA THAT IDIOT LEFT IT IN THE CLASS-ROOM AND FORGOT TO TAKE IT HOME
HERE!
WON-DERFUL!
IT'S NOT LOST! TETSUTA!
THIS..

BUT, WHERE SHOULD WE LOOK ...
THIS! THIS!
THE JOURNAL WE GOT AT THE ENTRANCE!!
SURE!
WE SHOULD HURRY AND GIVE THIS TO THEM.
LET'S GO!
She wished upon a star for him
STAR?
IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY, WHERE WOULD WE FIND A STAR?
TATSU-MI,
LOOK AT THE MAP
IT'S HERE!!
DAO

DAD
HUH?
I'M TRULY GRATEFUL THAT WE COULD COME HERE TODAY...
AH... SORRY TETSUTA I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING
BUT,
I DON'T FEEL HAPPY
I HATE THIS
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE ALL TOGETHER, I'M STILL DEPRESSED
I CAN'T FEEL ANY JOY
I HATE IT

PLEASE DON'T CRY LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF ME!
I UNDERSTAND SORRY!
WAIT! STOP! I WAS WRONG!!
Tetsuta!
SFX: <URURU> SOB SOB
DAD...
BUT, YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT'S DIFFICULT FOR A FAMILY TO GET TOGETHER, AND EVERY MOMENT SHOULD BE CHERISHED
IT'S MY FAULT, IT IT WAS BECAUSE YOU WERE GETTING SO CLOSE TO AKI-CHAN. I GOT JEALOUS
DO I GET A SECOND CHANCE?
LET'S GET BACK TO EVERYONE,
AND HAVE SOME FUN IS THAT ALRIGHT WITH YOU?

DAD!!!
OF COURSE! ♡
I WON'T RUN AWAY
Yeah!
OKAY! LET'S GO LOOK FOR THEM NOW!!
HUH? DAD, THE JOURNAL ..
WHERE ..
SFX: <DODODOODODO> RUNNING FOOTSTEPS

ARE YOU A CELEBRITY? PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR AUTO-GRAPH-
PLEASE SHAKE MY HAND-
どど
どど
!?
What is Going on?
SFX: DOOOOOOO <RUNNING FOOTSTEPS>
OH YEAH, YOU'RE A SINGER RIGHT NOW!
DIDN'T THAT LADY TELL YOU TO PLAY YOUR ROLE!?
Play my role?
GO!
SFX: <KIRA> GLITTER GLITTER
キラ
DAD'S SO COOL
SFX BLUSH
カァ
きゃー!?
"YOU'LL BE BURNED AFTER TOUCHING ME!"
SFX <SAAA> QUICK MOTION

THUD
THUD
WAS ALL THAT COMMOTION BACK THERE ALL TO GIVE ME THIS...?
THERE'S SOMETHING WRITTEN ON IT!
WE'LL ALWAYS SUPPORT YOU! GOOD LUCK!
WHAT'S THIS?
Do we need to wait until it gets dark?
Then we'd have to wait hours!
HUH? UH...
WHO KNOWS?
Strange...
PAPER FLIPPING
He confessed to her under the stars.
PAI
CONFESS?
STARS?
SENPAI
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?

AKI-CHAN!?
HUH? WHERE'S AKI-CHAN?
SENPAI!
THERE!
THE SOUND CAME FROM UP THERE!
BANG
AKI-CHAN!
SEN-PAI?
WHERE ARE YOU? PLEASE HURRY HERE! IF YOU DON'T.
SHAKE SHAKE
IF I DON'T?
DAD, THIS DOOR'S LOCKED!
WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF I DON'T?
GET OUT OF THE WAY, TETSUTA!

SFX: <KAN> CLANG
SFX: <KAN> CLANG
AKI-CHAN, WHERE ARE YOU!?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
COLLAPSE
...I don't know what "meeko" is! Sorry.
MEKO
Irritating people

SHINE
!?
SENPAI!
AKI-CHAN?
Happy Birthday!!

THIS... IS...
STAR DIRECTOR!!
I SPOKE TO THE STAR DIRECTOR.
WOW--- PRETTY---
How's you so H?
But he only gave me ten minutes...
That's why I wanted you guys to hurry!
SENPAI, HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ♡
Daddy Happy! ♡
KISS
TH-THANKS
DEPRESSED
PRE-SENT
TETSUYA
HERE.

IT'S HARD TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT I DIDN'T SAY ALL THAT ON PURPOSE, SORRY
YOUR DAD IS REALLY COOL!
TATSUMI
AND, THAT AUNT* OVER THERE ISN'T BAD
?
Aunt
TATSUMI, THANK YOU!
DAD!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Dad
"I LOVE DAD THE MOST"
I REALLY
LOVE YOU GUYS.
HEE HEE,
IT'S SO WARM
♡
ほんわ♡
ほんわ♡
SFX: 〈HOKU HOKU〉 WARM WARM

Whew
ARGUING IS REALLY DRAINING
I'm so tired
Good thing he's not angry
Where you to talk!
IT'S REALLY HARD FOR ME TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS,
SENPAI, WHAT'S WRONG?
Sorry
You won't be forgiven so easily
I DON'T WANT TO PICK A FIGHT, EVEN IF IT'S WITH YOU
BUT, I'LL TRY HARDER,
SO PLEASE WAIT FOR ME
BECAUSE, NO MATTER WHAT,
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU!
I HEARD YOU FORGOT?
My birthday
DOOM
Sorry, Aki-chan
Dad found out
Back to the starting point.

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BOKU WA NE
Fujiwara kiyo

Akeshi Shinji
Jan. 14 (50yrs old)
MY DAD,

THERE'S ONLY FOUR PEOPLE IN OUR FAMILY,
Akeshi Tetsuta
Dec. 24 (8yrs old)

Kobayashi Akihito
Nov. 1 (28yrs old)
LAST IS AKI-CHAN

AND THEN MY SISTER "AYA-CHAN",
Akeshi Aya
May 27 (4yrs old)

TETSUTA
DAD, HAVE YOU SEEN AKI-CHAN?
Aki-chan was dad's high school underclassman, and is now Aya-chan's kinder-garten teacher
AKI-CHAN SAID THERE WASN'T ANY SOY SAUCE LEFT AND WENT TO THE SUPER MARKET TO BUY SOME
After agreeing to take our dead mother's place, Aki-chan has been taking care of our family
in the place of our workaholic father!!
IT'S REALLY LATE NOW
THE SUPER-MARKET IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN STATION; IT SHOULD BE OKAY RIGHT?
But..
.....
DAD
HMM?
TODAY, SENSEI SAID—

TETSUTA, CALM DOWN NOTHING WILL HAPPEN
BUT, AKI-CHAN IS SO BEAUTIFUL!
WHAT WILL WE DO IF SOMETHING HAPPENED?
DASH!
Hey!
WAIT A MINUTE! IF YOU REALLY HAVE TO, I'LL GO WITH YOU!
I'LL GO LOOK!!
THAT LATELY, IN THESE TIMES, THERE ARE MORE AND MORE STRANGE PEOPLE, AND WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL!
WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO AKI!?
FALL
BUT, AKI-CHAN IS...
RUNS
TETSUTA, I'M BACK. ♡
AKI-CHAN!? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
But, Aki is...

Slash
GIVE ME HALF...
AH, SEMPAI, THAT...
Lucky
I WENT TO THE SUPERMARKET IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN STATION, AND FOUND OUT THAT EVERYTHING'S ON SALE.
PLUS, THEY WERE ABOUT TO CLOSE, SO THE SALESMAN EVEN GAVE ME A DISCOUNT
You should make use of this kind of situation and buy stuff that will last long.
HA
PPY
BUT DID YOU HAVE TO BUY THAT MUCH ALL BY YOURSELF?
THIS IDIOT IS A GUY!!
What sick person would touch a guy!
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT AKI-CHAN
Aki-chan is a guy...
VERY HEAVY ...
There are 2 bottles of oil.
UGH
PULLS
heavy
heavy
That's right.
WHY ISN'T DAD MOVING ANY-MORE?
DIDN'T I SAY SO?

TEARS
BUT, AKI-CHAN...
TETSUTA...
I WAS REALLY WORRIED!
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE OK...
THANK YOU...
Always causing trouble for others
EH? SEMPAI
YOUR JACKET'S INSIDE OUT?
AH...
DAD...
SUBLISH

We all-
SFX LAUGH
really like Aki-chan.
AND HE SAID HE WASN'T WORRIED
This can be worn either way!!
Stop denying Sensei!
Stop denying-
WORK HARD ON THE EXERCISES!
Wata-name sensei!
Too much!
Eh- What-
SFX THUD
TEACHERS' VISITS...
SO,
STARTING FROM TODAY THE TEACHERS' VISITS WILL START IT'LL ONLY BE A HALF DAY
WA-I~

I HATE TEACHERS' VISITS!
SENSEI IS COMING TO OUR HOUSE ♡
LOOKING FORWARD TO IT SO MUCH ♡
.....
SIGH
I HATE IT TOO
I DON'T WANT TO LET SENSEI AND MY MOM MEET EACH OTHER! SHE SAID THIS YEAR'S TEACHER IS REALLY HANDSOME,
SO SHE GOT UP REALLY EARLY TO PUT ON MAKEUP!
HAH ENOUGH...
HATE?
TETSUTA'S FAMILY DOESN'T NEED TO WORRY
YEAH, SO LUCKY!
WE SHOULD SAY TETSUTA'S FAMILY
DOESN'T EVEN NEED TEACHERS' VISITS
HIS FATHER RUNS TO SCHOOL ALL THE TIME ANYWAY...
SNEEZE
HM?
WHAT? WHY AREN'T YOU SAYING ANYTHING?
DON'T MAKE SUCH A FACE!!
PAT

SENSEI!
ONLY WANTS TO TALK WITH MY STUDENTS' PARENTS, TRY TO UNDERSTAND YOU GUYS, AND IMPROVE MY TEACHING METHODS!!
Geh
WATANABE!!
WATANABE SENSEI!
TEACHERS VISITS ARE TO VISIT OUR HOMES TO COMPLIMENT WHAT'S PRETTY RIGHT?
like painting and stuff...
WATA-NABE I KNOW!
IF ONLY THERE WAS LESS HOME WORK
IS REALLY INTEREST ING
GYAH
GYAH
THIS ISN'T ABOUT MAKING REPORTS!
THE FIRST TO SEE TODAY WILL BE TETSUTA'S FAMILY
exactly the same
Call me Servesel
HUURTS
TETSUTA, HOW ARE YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS?
Yup!!
I like them the most!
♡
TETSUTA'S VOCABULARY HAS IMPROVED
Yup!
♡
.....
AH REALLY
like?

TETSUTA, IS AKI-CHAN HOME TODAY?
Yup!
DAD WENT TO WORK, SO AKI-CHAN IS REPLACING HIM ♡
"AKI-CHAN" IS TETSU-TA'S MOM?
SHE IS REALLY SUPER BEAUTIFUL!
You what are you guys doing...
I'M WARNING YOU, DON'T FALL IN LOVE WITH HER!
I'm telling you out of kindness!
YOU DEFINITELY CAN'T HIT ON HER!
DOORBELL
AH, SENSEI! my words
-Hu
Hahaha!
DON'T BE SILLY! I'M A GREAT SENSEI!
NOT A STINKY OLD SKIRT CHASER!!
Welcome back— ♡

Ah!
I'VE WAITED FOR SO LONG, SENSEI ♡ PLEASE COME IN!
Dirty skirt chaser!

He, Hello! I'm Tetsuta's homeroom teacher Watanabe Kenichi
N N Nice,
Nice to meet you!
HOLD
Eh!?
EH EH EH? WHAT_!?
WATA-NABE
?
AKI-CHAN?

SFX: HEART BEAT

HUGS
AH?
WATANABE SENSEI!!
IT'S ME, I'M KOBAYASHI AKIHITO! DO YOU REMEMBER!?
EH
IN LOWER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL, YOU WERE MY HOMEROOM TEACHER!
HAH-!! YOU'RE AKI -CHAN!?
Wah- You still remember!
TALKING
Sheesh! Watanabe sensei
Shame-full
MEANING
YOU GUYS ALREADY KNEW!
That he's a guy!
Even if saying you wouldn't fall on him!
? ? ?
You let yourself be fooled!!
SLIDE
WE'LL KEEP IT SECRET FROM OUR CLASSMATES!
Bye bye, sensei~
I wanted to tell him.
DEPRESSION
To actually be attracted to a guy plus a former student...
IT'S REALLY A SMALL WORLD I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE TETSUTA'S SENSEI.

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE MEANING THE HUSBAND MOVES INTO HIS WIFE'S HOME AND TAKES ON HER LAST NAME

And is now the father of two kids~
COLLAPSE
HM? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
STARE
absolutely unrecognizable
I MUST HAVE GROWN OLD,
THAT LITTLE CRYBABY ACTUALLY GREW THIS BIG
THAT'S RIGHT, TEACHER! AKI-CHAN IS—
BUT, I REMEMBER YOU'RE LAST NAME IS KOBAYASHI! TETSUTA'S LAST NAME IS AKECHI—?
Eh?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT, HAVEN'T EXPLAINED TO HIM YET!
I'M A HOUSE-KEEPER
AND MET ONE OF MY OLD SENPAI SO I MOVED HERE TO WORK FOR THIS FAMILY
I WORKED AT A KINDER-GARTEN AFTER I LEFT HOME
TO BE PRECISE, AT THE MOMENT I'M LIVING HERE
SO...
You married into a family*
—I really underestimated you.
No!
PAT

I LIVED BY MYSELF A LITTLE WHILE,
AND FELL SICK ONE DAY
AKI-CHAN!!
I WANTED TO WORK FOR MYSELF, SO I MOVED HERE AFTER I GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE
YES,
YOU LEFT YOUR HOME?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
PANT
I JUST WENT TO THE KINDERGARTEN AND HEARD THAT YOU WERE SICK.
SEMPAI!
A LITTLE COLD COULD BECOME SERIOUS IF YOU DON'T TAKE CARE OF IT!
GO SEE THE DOCTOR!
I'LL HELP YOU CONTACT YOUR FAMILY
NO! DON'T TELL THEM!
Sorry... I DON'T WANT THEM TO WORRY ABOUT ME...
.....
AH... IT'S JUST A NOTHING LITTLE TO WORRY COLD, ABOUT
IDIOT!!

DO YOU WANT TO COME TO MY HOUSE?
I WON'T FORCE YOU TO ANSWER, BUT IF YOU'RE WILLING...
TRYING TO RAISE TWO KIDS BY MYSELF IS REALLY HARD AND I WANT TO FIND SOMEONE TO HELP OUT
LIVING WITH US WILL BE MUCH LESS LONELY THAN LIVING BY YOURSELF!
SEMPAI, HE
TAKES TIME TO CARE FOR ME
He really is a good sempai ♡
WHAT KIND OF PERSON JUST MOVES INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE!?
SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS
EH?
AH—IT'S NOTHING, LET ME HELP YOU CARRY IT!
YOU WERE ALWAYS ABSENT-MINDED making other people worry
THAT'S BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE GOOD EYE-C SIGHT
NOW I'M WEARING CONTACTS SO IT'S ALL RIGHT!!
GRAB
AH, IT'S TIME
I SHOULD LEAVE, AFTER ALL THE VISITS THE SCHOOL WILL OPEN A PARENT CONFERENCE

I'LL TELL TETSUTA'S DAD
AH
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU
AKI-CHAN,
GO HOME,
THINK ABOUT IT, I'M LEAVING
LIVING WITH YOUR OWN FAMILY IS NORMAL.
CLACK
.....

STEP
STEP
STEP
AKI-CHAN WILL HE MOVE BACK TO HIS HOME
GO HOME,
LIVING WITH YOUR FAMILY IS NORMAL
SMILE
AKI-CHAN
SEMPAI WILL BE BACK LATE, LET'S EAT FIRST!
TETSUTA!!
UWAAA-AAAH!!
DAD
If I don't do this you'd definitely run away!
Sweat
DAD ALREADY SAID NO, BUT THE BOSS HAD A CONFERENCE AND FORCED ME TO PARTICIPATE!
I'M VERY SORRY, I COULDN'T KEEP YOU COMPANY TODAY!
HUG
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
DA...DAD! I CAN'T BREATH!!

BUT, IF DAD WERE HOME, THAT KIND OF THING WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED
Tetsuta?
POP
IT'S ALRIGHT, AKI-CHAN WAS HERE!
REALLY? SO SORRY
SMILE
SMILE
SFX: TEARS WELLING UP
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
EH?
OH,
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS
DAD...
PAT
DAD...

WHAT DID AKI-CHAN SAY?
HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING JUST SMILED LIKE NORMAL.
BUT, SENSEI SAID AKI-CHAN WAS A CRYBABY BEFORE, MAYBE HE'S JUST REPRESSING HIMSELF.
TETSUTA DO YOU LIKE AKI-CHAN?
LIKE!? I LIKE HIM MOST!
SO BELIEVE IN HIM.
TETSUTA,
HE ISN'T THE KIND OF PERSON TO CHANGE HIMSELF TO SUIT OTHERS,
THAT GUY HAS HIS OWN OPINIONS, SO
BEING ABLE TO MEET EVERYONE I'M REALLY SO HAPPY
DON'T WORRY, YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN HIM

SWITCH OFF
GOOD NIGHT.
YOU SHOULD GO TO SLEEP, YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM THINKING TOO MUCH
rustle
rustle
DAD, DO YOU BELIEVE IN AKI-CHAN?
DAD.
OF COURSE.
GOOD NIGHT.
GOOD NIGHT.
YUP, DAD! I BELIEVE IN HIM!
BECAUSE, I LIKE AKI-CHAN THE MOST
AKECHI
SFX CROWN NOISE

YES
IF AKI-CHAN CAN'T COME EITHER, MAYBE NEITHER WILL BE COMING
BUT, DAD HAS WORK,
YOUR FAMILY HASN'T COME YET
DID YOU TELL YOUR DAD ABOUT IT?
THIS DOESN'T HAVE ANY-THING TO DO WITH AKI-CHAN
FOOT-STEP
!
BUT, SENSEI! AKI-CHAN, HE...
GREAT, WE MADE IT ON TIME!
TETSUTA, SORRY WE'RE LATE

DAD! AKI-CHAN!!
Who what? Tetsuta's family?
Liar~ So her some~
WHY DID BOTH OF YOU...
DON'T YOU STILL HAVE WORK ...?
BECAUSE,
WE'RE TETSUTA'S FAMILY!
AKI-CHAN!!

HE'S ABOUT TO GO HOME! HOW CAN YOU
KOBAYASHI AND YOU ARE TOTAL STRANGERS!
HOW— HOW CAN THERE BE NO PROBLEM!
EXACTLY
Well said. ♡
This guy's the culprit.
NO PROBLEM RIGHT? SENSEI
THE CONFERENCE IS ABOUT TO START, EVERYONE PLEASE COME QUICKLY
What are you arguing about?
AH OK, SORRY
TETSUTA, LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER LATER,
WAIT FOR US AT THE SCHOOL GATE
Please take care of Ayu-chan!
OK
I'LL LET IT PASS THIS TIME

ARE DAD AND AKI-CHAN GOING TO BE OK
BUT, AKI-CHAN CAME!
IT SHOULD BE OVER SOON!
AH, DAD!
SCREECH
MISS, YOU'RE VERY CUTE!
A STRANGER
AH!
YES, SHE'S VERY CUTE
He should be talking about Aki-chan!
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? I'LL DRIVE YOU!
GET IN!
I WAS TALKING ABOUT YOU, NOT HER!

YAWN
AKECHI-SAN!
THEN, CONCERNING THIS —
I'm fine.
SEMPAI TO BE ABLE TO COME TO THIS CONFERENCE YOU DIDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT RIGHT?
MAY I ASK FOR YOUR OPINION?
BASTARD!
All of a sudden telling me to make a speech!
YES — CONCERNING THIS PROBLEM
I BELIEVE EVERYONE KNOWS, THIS SCHOOL'S GROUNDS
That person is called on very often!
I think his last name's Akechi!
Write it down quickly!
SLAM
AKECHI-SAN?
TETSUTA!?
SEMPAI?

IDIOT!!
AKI-CHAN, COME QUICK!
TETSUTA!
AKECHI-SAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CONFERENCE...
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR A CONFERENCE!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO? SO SCARY!
BUT, I'M SO SCARED!
BUT...
Please take care of Aya-chan!
AYA-CHAN, RUN QUICK!
DAD!
AKI-CHAN!
PAAK

!!
DAD!
AKI-CHAN!
I'm so scared...
ARE YOU INJURED? DOES IT HURT!?
NO, I'M NOT HURT.
UW...H...
TETSUTA, QUICK, COME WITH ME!!
TEARS

SFX: HALT
SFX: GRAB
AKI-CHAN!
DON'T COME OVER!
OR ELSE I'LL HURT HER!!
AKI-CHAN!!
WAIT!
I'LL SAVE YOU IMMEDIATELY!
SFX: KICK
HMPH MISS, YOU'D BETTER BE GOOD AND NOT MOVE...

RUSTLE
SMILE
FROZEN
I FORGOT
SEMPAI, QUICKLY CALL AND REPORT THIS ♡
AKI-CHAN IS EVEN STRONGER THAN DAD
Didn't get the chance to appear.
NI-CHAN, THANK YOU
TETSUTA
YOU WERE VERY COURAGEOUS

HE WAS A CRYBABY,
I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE NEED FAMILY TO STAY WITH HIM, BUT
WHEN I KNEW AKI -CHAN,
.....
THANKS!
HE FOUND A PLACE THAT SUITED HIM
Good thing you were there to protect Aye-chan!
HE ALREADY FOUND THEM
UWAH- CAN'T SEE ANYTHING —
Where?
BUMP
THUD
OUCH
Don't come close!
MY CONTACTS FELL.
AKI-CHAN, ARE YOU HURT...
EH?

COME!
GUESS THERE'S NO OTHER WAY
CLEARLY CAN'T SEE ANYTHING
.....
LET'S GO HOME
BUT STILL FOLLOWED UNHESITANTLY
DAD, IT'S GREAT THAT WE CAN ALL GO HOME TOGETHER!
YEAH!
I ALWAYS TOOK IT FOR GRANTED THAT ALL FOUR OF US WERE TOGETHER
BUT IT ISN'T.
THIS SHOULD BE AN INCREDIBLE MIRACLE

IT REALLY IS A MIRACLE
So great.
Yup! Yup!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!
THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE THIS NOW
IF THE PERSON SEMPAI ASKED AT THE TIME WASN'T ME,
YEAH
BECAUSE IT WAS YOU, I ASKED,
IS THAT SO
YES
OUR PRESENT "NOW" ISN'T A MIRACLE

WHAT'S WRONG? WHERE DOES IT HURT?
NO MATTER HOW MANY YEARS PASS,
IT'S NOTHING
THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS
AKI-CHAN!?
CRYBABY!
WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER.
THIS ISN'T A MIRACLE
I LIKE EVERYONE SO MUCH!
IT'S A REALIZED DREAM.
TO BE CONTINUED

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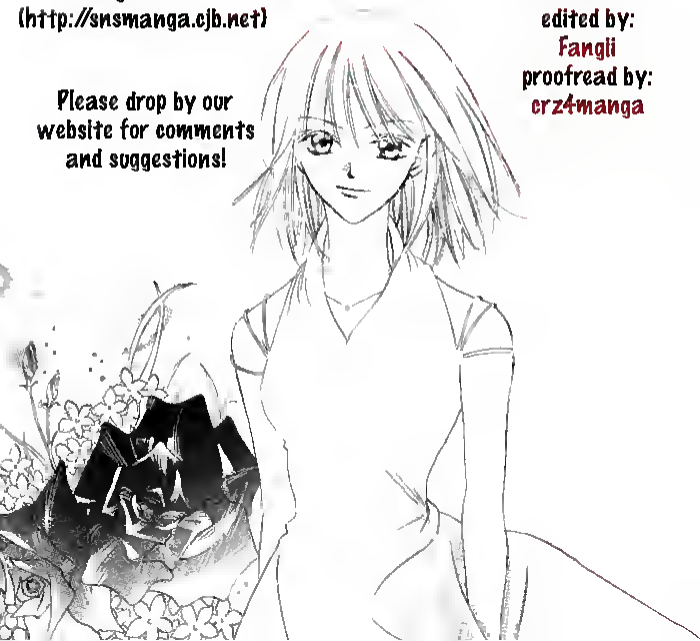

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Please Give Me Love

HOW CAN I LET THESE FEELINGS REACH HIM?
HEY, YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOLER RIGHT?
ARE YOU WAITING FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND?
NO...
NO? AH, YOU DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND?
great!
HEY!
GRAB
THERE'S A COFFEE SHOP ON THE THIRD STREET, DO YOU WANT
YOU'RE REALLY CUTE. ARE YOU WAITING FOR SOMEONE?
ARE YOU LOST? YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR WAY IN THE UNIVERSITY?
I... THAT...
stop katherine
I'LL HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY!!
HEY, THAT GIRL...

I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU!
ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE THIRD HELL!
SMILE
SHIVERU
STROKE STROKE
KANAKO!
AH, YES! HARUKI!
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT HAS A GUY
YOU IDIOT, DIDN'T YOU RECOGNIZE OKITA HARUKI SEMPAI?
HE'S REALLY FAMOUS!

FOOL!
SORRY!
I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO REMEMBER A FAMOUS SEMPAI'S GIRLFRIEND!
BECAUSE SHE ISN'T HIS GIRL-FRIEND, THAT'S WHY SHE'S FAMOUS!
YOU... KEEPING ON INSULTING
THAT KIND OF SKIRT-CHASING GUY...
HARUKI, JUST NOW I WAS BEING HIT ON, RIGHT?
ME
YACE
OUR? DATING?
YOUR BOYFRIEND,
SHOULD BE SMARTER THAN, COOLER THAN, AND CARE FOR YOU MORE THAN ME!
SHOULDN'T EVEN THINK OF DATING OUR KANAKO!

AND, HE CAN'T SMOKE!
SHOCKED
!!
HARUKI, YOU SOUND LIKE AN OLD DAD...
OLD DAD ...
OLD DAD ...
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!
OLD DAD !!
You have shamed the cigarette store!
GRANDPA WAS SO SAD THAT HE CRIED!
HE SAID YOU WOULDN'T INHERIT THE CIGARETTE SHOP, AND INSTEAD WANTED TO BECOME A DOCTOR
SLANT
Haruki started hating cigarettes in Spring 8 years ago.
.....
BECAUSE I AM YOUR DAD!

HARUKI- I WANT TWO PACKETS OF MARLBORO
At the time Haruki was only 17.
I was 9.
EH?
YOU'VE BECOME HEAVIER
That hurts!
HEY, KANAKO! YOU'RE ON AN ERRAND
KINOSHITA-SAN!!
Sqquirk I'll see that you grow up!
JAB JAB
HI, KID! SO YOU'RE WATCHING THE STORE!
It was then that we became "father and daughter".

PUFF
FINISHED SMOKING THEM
WHERE'D THOSE GO?
WHY DO YOU WANT TO BUY 2 PACKS? DIDN'T YOU JUST BUY SOME YESTERDAY?
DISMAL
THAT'S WHY I CAME TO BUY SOME!
DON'T BE STUBBORN, JUST DO YOUR JOB!
This won't do!
NO, I'M NOT SELLING!
KINOSHITA-SAN, SMOKING TOO MUCH WILL CAUSE CANCER!
Cigarette seller freaking. It sound so sad!
IF YOU'RE NOT SELLING I'LL BUY THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE!
WRONG! I SHOULD SAY YOU'VE ALREADY GOT CANCER!!
That won't do either!
WHAT IN THE WORLD DO YOU WANT TO DO!
I WANT YOU TO LIVE LONG!
BECAUSE, I

I LIKE KINOSHITA -SAN
PLUS, YOU TWO ONLY HAVE EACH OTHER,
IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO KANAKO?
HARUKI
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'VE NEVER MET ANY CLOSE RELATIVES,
AND DAD PASSED AWAY A LONG TIME AGO
WHAT WOULD I DO THEN?
... WHEN THAT HAPPENS ...
IF I REALLY DIED FROM SMOKING YOUR CIGARETTES
YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSABILITY AND TAKE CARE OF KANAKO!
PAT

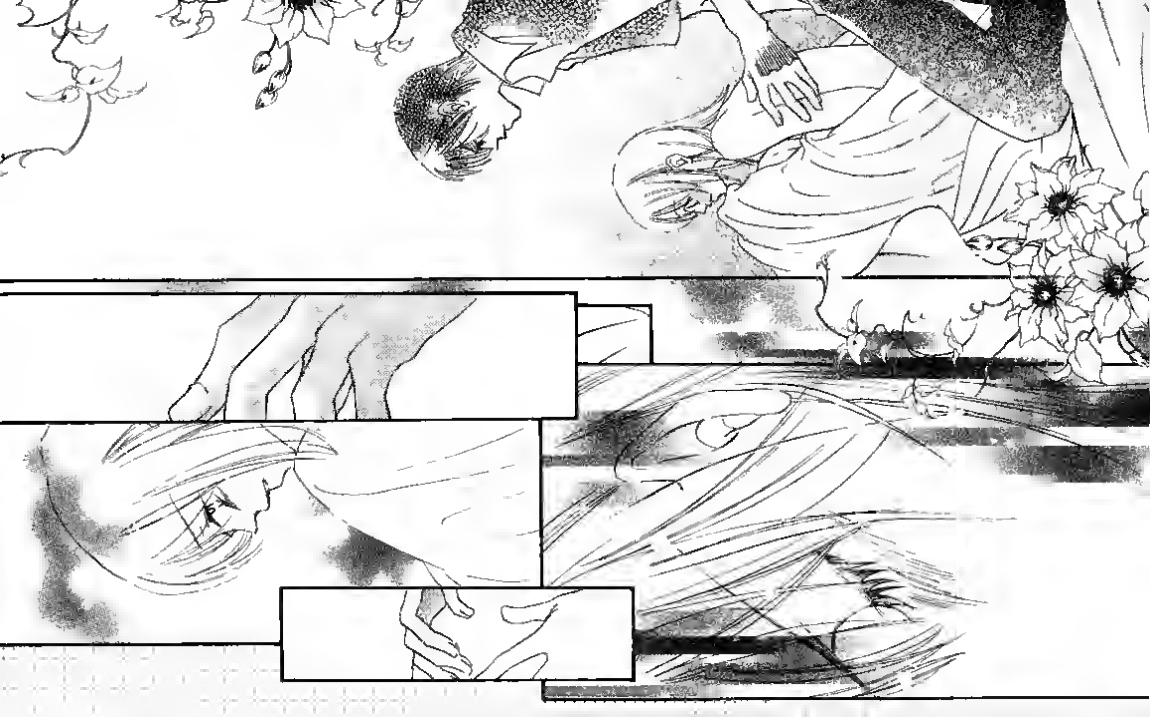
After that
I...I WILL!!
CANCER
DI NG
WHAT WILL WE DO? SEND HER TO THE ORPHANAGE?
I HEARD THERE'S NO ONE SHE CAN COUNT ON!
IT'S A LIE
I'LL ADOPT HER!
HARUKI!?
What are you saying?
DAD, MOM, PLEASE LET ME ADOPT KANAKO,
I'LL DEFINITELY RETURN THE MONEY TO YOU
KANAKO,
FROM NOW ON,
I'LL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU
HARUKI'S EYES WERE EVEN REDDER THAN MINE WHEN HE TOLD ME THIS
Haruki liked mom that much
OKITA!
THAT GIRL IS THE RUMORED KANAKO?

SMILE
THAT'S RIGHT, SHE'S KINOSHITA-SAN'S DAUGHTER
Also my daughter!
RUMORED?
Hello~ I'm Momoka~
NICE TO MEET YOU! THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF DAD!!
It's alright.
AH?
NOT- NOT REALLY! I SHOULD BE THE ONE SAYING THAT!
HE'S FEELING
HAVEN'T CHANGED EVEN NOW
He He
CUTE, RIGHT?
Doesn't know why, but, very uneasy!
COLLEGE STUDENTS
Ah,
DOTING OLD FATHER!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING A DOTING FATHER!
Idiot
Weakling!
KANAKO IS MY TREASURE!
Don't say more!
THESE FEELINGS
SO CUTE! NO WONDER YOU ADORE HER SO MUCH.
Of course

KANAKO, DO YOU WANT ANOTHER BOWL?
"CAN'T BE CONSIDERED", "NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY", "NOT WORTH LOOKING AT"
DEPRESSED.
SORRY GRANDMA, I'M FULL.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO LET THEM REACH HIM
"DAUGHTER" IS IT
AN UN-CHANGEABLE POSITION
MAYBE HE WILL UNQUESTIONABLY GIVE ME PARENTAL LOVE,
BUT THAT'S NOT THE KIND I WANT
HEY-KANAKO!
YOU'RE BACK, HARUKI PART-TIME JOB MUST HAVE BEEN TIRING.
THANKS FOR HELPING ME BRING STUFF TO SCHOOL TODAY.
Helped me a lot.
POPS IN
IT'S VERY EASY FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE TOGETHER IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION. NEXT TIME I'LL ALSO

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
TAKE YOUR SHIRT OFF.
I
YOU DIDN'T FINISH YOUR DINNER?
YOUR FACE IS REALLY RED, DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?

I'LL HELP YOU DO A CHECKUP
I'm a future doctor!
And hurry up and lie down!
BE QUICK!
THE FASTER THE PROBLEM'S DISCOVERED, THE FASTER IT'S FIXED!
Didn't health class teach that!
—THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE, BUT...!!
Wa wa!
Ha?
Take your shirt off!?
Hu
Wah
OK
THEN PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT
NOTHING HAPPENING IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION PROVES THAT HE DOESN'T FEEL ANYTHING FOR ME
Sigh



It's as if everything in my brain stopped working.
NOTHING SEEMS WRONG IT SHOULD ONLY BE A SMALL FEVER
He'll be better after sleeping.
LIKE,
SINCE YOU WERE SMALL YOU'VE HAD FEVERS WHEN YOU WERE TROUBLED BY SOMETHING
LIKE,
LIKE,
LIKE,
IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU AGAIN?
LIKE,
I LIKE YOU.

OK, GO TO SLEEP
WHAT I WANT
ISN'T THIS
STAY!
I LIKE YOU TOO

PLEASE,
STAY WITH ME!
DAY BY DAY,
SECOND BY SECOND
"LIKE", MAYBE THIS FEELING DOESN'T HAVE ANY BOUNDARY?
THINKING DAY AND NIGHT
OK,
I'LL STAY WITH YOU
OF ONLY ONE PERSON,
RUSTLE
BREATHES

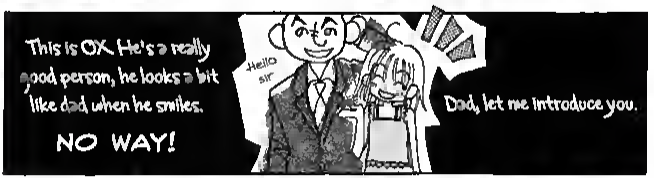
ONLY OF YOU.

I HAD A DREAM.

I'LL WATCH YOU FROM THE SIDE
You have to try hard!
OK!
THEN, I ONLY VAGUELY LIKED HARUKI
PLAYING DEAF
4h
HARUKI! YOU'RE ACTUALLY WEARING YOUR DAD'S SUIT!!
KANAKO
HARUKI!
I ONLY VAGUELY THOUGHT THAT I'D BE HAPPY BEING WITH HIM
NOW
BUT NOW
MM..
AH!

GOOD MORNING.
WOBBLE
THUD
WOBBLE
ALWAYS!
haru, haru, haru...
HARUKI!
EH!?
GRAB
YOU DIDN'T SLEEP AT ALL?
HE WAS ALWAYS HOLDING MY HAND?
YIKES, IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE!
You should get up and get ready.
hurts
HARUKI,
ALWAYS STAYED BY MY SIDE
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU AT SEVEN AT THE TRAIN STATION TONIGHT.

SEVEN? WHY MEET OUTSIDE? WE CAN MEET AT HOME!
I WANT YOU TO MEET SOME-ONE


This is OK. He's a really good person, he looks a bit like dad when he smiles.
NO WAY!
Hello sir
Dad, let me introduce you.

I beg you, don't laugh
SHE'S SERIOUS

KANAKO!
It's too sudden!
YOU HAVE TO WEAR SOMETHING MORE FORMAL.
THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME!

I'LL GIVE HIM TROUBLE WHEN WE MEET.
WHEN HE'S SCARED I'LL GIVE HIM A FEW PUNCHES.
COMPLAIN
and
SORRY, HARUKI
I finally gathered up my courage,
please don't take it as a joke.

TOO SLOW! IT'S ALREADY PAST SEVEN!

DON'T LAUGH AT MY EARNEST-NESS
DID YOU WAIT LONG?
SORRY, IT TOOK MORE TIME THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD.

KANAKO?
IT'S ME SHEESH, HARUKI
WHO DID YOU TAKE ME FOR?
NO...
COME!

SFX: RUSTLE
IT'S HERE
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
ALMOST THERE!
ALMOST THERE? THERE'S ONLY A SMALL BROOK THERE
THE PERSON WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET ISN'T HERE YET?
WHAT AN IRRESPONSIBLE MAN! NORMALLY HE SHOULD BE HERE EARLIER THAN ME!
HE'S ALREADY HERE
THERE
WHERE!?
STEP
LOOK.

SMARTER THAN ANYONE ELSE, COOLER,
IS THE PERSON WHO CARES MOST ABOUT ME IN THE WHOLE WORLD,
HE'S
NOBODY CAN REPLACE HIM.

I WISH
MY VOICE
FULLY REACH HIM!
ISN'T ABLE TO SPEAK CLEARLY
GOD
HE COULD FOREVER STAY
PLEASE LET THIS FEELING
BY MY SIDE

I DIDN'T EAT BREAKFAST OR LUNCH TODAY
GETTING WORKED UP, MY STOMACH IS HUNGRY AGAIN...
I KEPT ON THINKING, WHAT KIND OF PERSON WAS HE
WHAT I SHOULD DO LATER,
HARUKI
SO MUCH THAT I COULDN'T EAT
!?
GRUMBLE
.....
THUD

I GET ANGRY
WHEN I THINK THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BECOME SOMEONE ELSE'S,
SORRY, I
SEEING YOU TALKING SO HAPPILY ABOUT ANOTHER MAN,
I WOULD GET SO FRUSTRATED,
I COULDN'T BEAR IT
AS A FATHER?

SFX: RUSTLE
AS A FATHER?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT NOW
!
This was the true beginning
BUT...
I THOUGHT SO.

WHAT DOES THIS SIGNIFY?
LOVE!!
BOTH OF US STUTTORNLY CONTINUE ON
STEP
KANAKO
NO NEED TO PANICK, WE ONLY NEED TO MOVE FORWARD SLOWLY
OF COURSE IT'S

Hm!
Should be more...
Great Braid!
Aya-chan, don't move!
I Think

What are everyone's thoughts on "Boku wa ne"?
What is this thing? What weird dialogues! Geh! Plus the love story is also very strange.
Uwa- I can't understand anything-
Made my face became pale.
Hello again everyone,
I am Fujiwara Kiyo
This is my early work, never thought I could draw it for so long.
Boku wa ne
Hehe!
If I knew earlier dad's hair wouldn't be neat and smooth...
Dad's charisma's best
#it's now year 0!
"Boku wa ne" is now showing in "Hana to Yume",
I hope the reader who enjoyed it will buy the book.
Hana to Yume's other usage.
Ah, this is pretty comfy.
UWAH
You can't use it as a pillow!
TURN
To tell the truth, I don't draw love stories very often.. Drawing this story, took so much work...
Mm?
Please Give Me Love
Isn't Aki-chan.
THANX!!
->First, I have to thank my beloved sister, thank you for both mentally supporting me and giving me directions. It all helped. (If she weren't here, there wouldn't be the present me!)
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Thanks everyone,
I hope you can all still give me your support.
Fujiwara Kiyo